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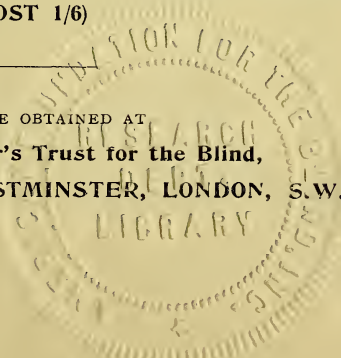
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INTRODUCTION.



KNOWING how useful this pamphlet has been to many seeking information concerning what is being done in the interests of the Blind, and the best means of helping them, I have pleasure in writing this introduction to the SEVENTH EDITION of Mr. Henry J. Wilson's pamphlet.

The particulars regarding the various Societies have been carefully prepared, any necessary corrections have been made, and new Societies added.

In the Preface much valuable information is given with reference to the Education of the Blind, and the selection of suitable occupations, whilst the page 15 devoted to the proper care of the eyes of infants should really be of immense service to the children.

I think everyone interested in the welfare of the Blind should obtain a copy of the pamphlet.

KINNAIRD,

Chairman of the Committee,

Gardner's Trust for the Blind.

March, 1922.



PREFACE TO SEVENTH EDITION.

(Completing 17,000 Copies).



TO write this preface is practically my last action in the capacity of Secretary to Gardner's Trust for the Blind. The Committee of the Trust have sanctioned the issue of another edition. Many friends interested in the Welfare of the Blind assure me that they have found this publication most useful and feel confident that it will continue to be of great value, especially to Local Authorities now charged with the Welfare of the Blind.

Since the last edition was issued a great deal has been accomplished for the Blind in the right direction.

A Departmental Committee was appointed in May, 1914, the reference to which was "To consider the present condition of the Blind in the United Kingdom and the means available for (a) their industrial or professional training and (b) their assistance, and to make recommendations."

The work of that Committee was of an exhaustive character, and consisted of collecting evidence and reporting to Parliament on the subject of the Blind in general and the suggested methods to improve their lot in particular.

A voluminous report of the Departmental Committee was published in July 1917, copies of which may be obtained from the Publishers of Parliamentary Papers.

The recommendations of the Departmental Committee led to the appointment of an Advisory Committee in December 1917 by the then President of the Local Government Board (the late Lord Downham) to advise the Board on matters relating to the Care and Supervision of the Blind in England and Wales, including any question which might be specially referred to that Committee by the Board. A special department for the Blind was created at Whitehall, and shortly afterwards the Local Government Board became known as the Ministry of Health.

The Advisory Committee very early in their deliberations recommended that a register of blind persons should be established. Such a course was very desirable in order to assist the Committee in framing recommendations; and the definition of blindness for this purpose was "too blind to perform any work for which eyesight is essential."

Reports of the proceedings of the Advisory Committee were printed for the years 1919 and 1920. Copies of these may be obtained from Publishers of Parliamentary Papers.

Regulations have been drawn up by the Ministry of Health in connection with the following grants payable for the various services: these are contained in printed documents issued by the Ministry of Health:—

Workshops	..	£20 per blind worker per annum
Home-workers	..	£20 " " "
Homes	..	£13 " resident "
Hostels	..	£5 " " "
Home-teaching		£78 per teacher "
Book-production		2s. 6d. per volume; 2d. per copy of magazine periodical or sheet music
Counties Association		£20 per ann. per 100 registered. blind persons resident in area

Early in August 1920, the Blind Persons Act was placed upon the Statute Book, which in effect was to make it a duty of Local Authorities (County Boroughs and County Councils) to provide for the Welfare of the Blind. The salient features of the Act are provisions for :—

- (a) Pensions at 50 years of age instead of 70.
- (b) Education and training for all blind persons desirous and capable of profiting thereby.
- (c) Employment of those trained
- (d) Relief of necessitous Blind
- (e) Assistance to Home-workers
- (f) Appointment of Home-teachers
- (g) Registration of individual blind persons
- (h) Homes
- (i) Hostels

Voluntary Organisations are to be encouraged.

Those who have worked for the Blind will realise what a great help this legislation means, and it is safe to state that the Blind as a whole have gained considerably in consequence.

The number of blind persons in England and Wales (in accordance with the registers of the Ministry of Health, 1921) was 34,894. In Scotland 4,528. Owing to existing circumstances exact details as regards Ireland are not forthcoming. So far as statistics can be relied upon, it is pleasing to note that, although the total number of blind persons has increased, owing to the growth of population, the proportion of the Blind to the seeing has decreased. In 1851, according to the census, the proportions of blind persons to the population, in England and Wales, was one to every 979. In 1921, in accordance with the definition of blindness contained in the Blind Persons Act, 1920, one to every 1082 for England and Wales and one to every 1078 in Scotland, each intervening decade showing a steady diminution.

The Blind may be divided roughly into four classes, viz. :—

1. **INFANTS.**—In Blindness, as in everything else, prevention is better than cure, and inasmuch as a large proportion

of the cases of blindness used to be caused by the neglect and unsuitable treatment of ophthalmia of new-born infants, which can be *prevented and often cured*, much can be done in disseminating information about this disease by systematic distribution of leaflets (*vide* page 15), and in other ways.

The action taken by the Local Government Board in issuing an Order making ophthalmia of the newly-born compulsorily notifiable from April 1st, 1914, has had a most beneficial effect in lessening the number of those likely to become Blind from this terrible disease.

2. FROM FOUR OR FIVE UP TO TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE.—This is essentially the period for education and instruction. Blind children should be treated, as far as possible, like seeing ones. They should be conversed with frequently, especially about the common objects of everyday life, in order that they may not grow up in crass ignorance of what our eyes are ever conveying to our minds. The Blind can only understand by the touch, or through the ear. They should be taught to dress, undress, wash, and to be generally useful. They should not be kept indoors, but allowed plenty of fresh air, light, exercise and play. They should be treated always with firmness and kindness, but at the same time must not be allowed to imagine they are, and always must be, objects of pity, and burdens on Society. They should be fully impressed with the knowledge that they have a work to perform and that they must therefore submit, equally with seeing children, to discipline and training necessary to fit them for their duties in life. Parents should be informed of the absolute necessity of sending their children to school at the earliest possible age. It is cruel and a mistaken kindness to keep them at home—irrespective of the legal obligation to send them to school—without their being taught how to be Blind, because in such cases their mental powers are invariably weakened, and sometimes they become imbeciles, and defective both in body and mind. Booklets with Braille (revised) rules, Grade I., price 1d., Grade II., price 2d., and Grade III., price 3d.—

postage extra—can be obtained at the National Institute for the Blind, 224-228, Great Portland Street, London, W. 1., and will be found useful to seeing people who wish to learn Braille with a view to teaching it to those unable to attend school. Frames, embossing paper, &c., also can be obtained from the National Institute and from most of the Institutions for the Blind.

A rough outline of the curriculum of a school for the Blind is as follows: From 4 or 5 years of age to 10, kindergarten training: from 10 to 14, elementary education and technical training: from 14 to 16, half-time elementary education, and half-time training in trades or professions; and from 16 to close of school career, trades and professions.

The Royal Commission on the Blind, Deaf and Dumb, &c., after sitting for four years, issued their report in 1889, and out of it sprang the Elementary Education (Blind and Deaf Children) Act, 1893, which made the education of all blind children between 5 and 16 years of age compulsory.

All the elementary schools for blind children are certified by the Board of Education, and are marked in the list on pages 16 to 27 by an asterisk.

Under the Education Act the expression "blind" is defined as "too blind to be able to read the ordinary school books used by children."

Parents are liable to contribute towards the expenses of their blind children such weekly sum, if any, as may be agreed on between the Local Education Authority and the parents.

A list of residential schools for the Blind is given on page 16. The following may be considered as general rules affecting all pupils seeking admission at any school for the Blind. They must be Blind, either totally or for all practical purposes, not deficient in intellect or physical power, of good health, not subject to fits, not suffering from any cutaneous disease or other disorder likely to be prejudicial to their fellows-scholars, and must either have been vaccinated, or have had smallpox.

Four scholarships of the value of £60 a year each, tenable at any of the Universities, are granted by the Committee of Gardner's Trust for the Blind. "The Scholarship Fund for blind boys" administered by Gardner's Trust allots scholarships of the annual value of £10 to £40 to students at the College for the Higher Education of the Blind at Worcester.

There is also "The Fawcett Memorial Scholarship," value £50 a year, for blind persons, tenable for four years at any of the Universities of the United Kingdom, including Women's Colleges. The Trustees of this scholarship are the Clothworkers' Company, 41, Mincing Lane, London, E.C.3. Candidates must be not less than 17 nor more than 23 years of age at the time of election.

The George Barker Memorial Scholarship, value £50 a year, and tenable for four years at Queen's College, Oxford, is granted to blind persons who intend to study for the Final Honour School of English Language and Literature or for Honours in *Litt. Hum.*

It is clear that only in a very few exceptional cases can the Blind become self-supporting at the age of 16, and therefore on attaining that age their education should be continued if at all possible. They should be sent to a Technical Training School for the Blind, or remain in their present school, to be specially trained in some trade or profession.

And here I would earnestly press the point that pupils should not be in too great a hurry to leave school. There is a natural and praiseworthy (though mistaken) desire in many to start in life on their own responsibility as early as they can. If they do this before they have sufficiently mastered all the difficulties of their trade or profession, the result is often most disastrous, and the cause of the Blind seriously injured thereby. It is my opinion that many of the failures amongst the Blind in attempting to carry on the trade which they have learned at school, are due to the fact that they have not received sufficient instruction. Many persons seem to be impressed with the erroneous idea that blind people need a shorter apprenticeship at their trades than the seeing.

3. FROM TWENTY-ONE TO FORTY YEARS OF AGE. Those between these ages who have been properly instructed at school ought to use every endeavour to earn their own living by the trade or profession which they have been taught. The occupations usually taught to males are typewriting and shorthand, the making of baskets, brushes, mats, sacks, rope, ship-fendoffs, mattresses; pianoforte tuning, chair caning, boot and shoe repairing, telephony, massage, and wood chopping. Females are taught weaving, typewriting and shorthand, massage, to make brushes and fancy baskets, machine and hand knitting, to net, sew, crochet, cane chairs, etc. Some of the Blind are educated with great success as school teachers and also in the profession of music; others are prepared for University careers.

Of late years many of the Blind of both sexes have been instructed in typewriting and shorthand, and in massage. These vocations appear to be suitable for the Blind, and the work can be undertaken by them without much difficulty, but there is the usual danger of the market becoming overstocked, and of inability to obtain employment. By the use of typewriting machines, the Blind are enabled, not only to enjoy the pleasure and advantage of being able to write to the seeing in the ordinary type, but also to obtain remunerative employment. This means of support has been simplified by the Braille shorthand system introduced at the Birmingham Royal Institution for the Blind, and the invention of the Stainsby-Wayne embossed shorthand machine.

The late Dr. Fletcher Little, who successfully trained a large number of blind men and women in massage, informed me that they are well adapted for this kind of employment when carefully selected.

Those who become Blind after the age of 21 should try to learn some trade at one of the existing Institutions for the Blind, unless they are able to carry on the business in which they were occupied at the time when they were deprived of sight. When a new trade has been thoroughly learned, the blind person should endeavour to get employment at some workshop

for the Blind, where not only regular work will be provided at the trade rate of pay, but in most Institutions the weekly wage will be considerably augmented; or they should start on their own account or become attached to a Home Teaching Organisation in some suitable town, where their manufactures could be easily disposed of. I know there have been many and great disadvantages and difficulties to be overcome by homeworkers in the past, but by joining a Homeworkers' Organisation most of these difficulties will disappear.

It is most important in the interests of the Blind that all goods should be well made, in order that the public may not be led to believe, as they might be, that the work of the Blind is, and must be, inferior to that of the seeing.

4. FROM FORTY YEARS OF AGE UPWARDS.—Those who become Blind after forty years of age, with few exceptions, are unable to learn any of the trades usually taught to the Blind with much hope of success or remuneration, unless mat making, mattress making, and the making of ship-fendoffs be excepted. They should, therefore, as I have stated above, try to carry on, if possible, the trade in which they were engaged when their sight failed them. If this be found impracticable, the sale of newspapers or of tea, cocoa, polish, etc., might be tried, or wood chopping or sack making, which are easy to learn. Mangling also is sometimes a fairly well paid employment, but ought not to be entered upon without fully considering the capabilities of the wife, and the likelihood of ultimate success. Failure often ensues unless, preparatory to starting, a certain amount of patronage is guaranteed. In many parts of London this way of gaining a livelihood for blind men is greatly overdone. Both men and women can sometimes earn a little by writing out books in the Braille type for libraries. Singing, and the playing of musical instruments in the streets and in public houses, should be strongly discouraged.

At this period of life, blind persons naturally try to obtain a pension from one of the Pension Societies for the Blind (*vide*

page 40). Further details concerning Pension Societies are given in Mr. Stuart Johnson's most serviceable book, "Annuities to the Blind," Publishers, Messrs. Longmans.

There are also Homes for blind men and women (*vide* page 36), where refuge can be found for those who are without relations or friends.

Every effort should be made to prevent the Blind from becoming beggars of "Remember the poor blind man" class. This admonition is all the more urgent, because this manner of living is, alas, often most profitable in consequence of indiscriminate charity. Such charity is not only highly demoralizing to the Blind themselves and their relations, but also impedes the work which is in progress for the amelioration of the condition of the Blind.

It is extremely difficult to give any recommendation as to what is best to be done with the sick, weakly, and otherwise "defective" Blind, who are ineligible for admission to the schools for the Blind. Each case must be dealt with according to its own degree of incapacity, but every effort should be made to teach the child or adult to read and write, and to do some work, however simple, so that the mind may be occupied, and that there may be no enforced idleness, as detrimental morally as it is physically. It is to be hoped that action may soon be taken on the recommendation in the report of the Royal Commission on the Care and Control of the Feeble-minded, and that a central school and home will be erected, where the feeble-minded Blind may be segregated, cared for, and given such suitable employment as they can undertake.

In this pamphlet, the names of the Institutions and Societies for the Blind in England and Wales are given, and a list of Institutions and Societies in Scotland and Ireland is added in an Appendix, p.p. 88.

The particulars having been submitted to the various Secretaries for revision, are presumably correct, and I have again

to tender them my sincere thanks for their kind and willing co-operation in providing Col. Cameron with the information required, which brings facts and figures to date.

I am also grateful to the Charity Commission for information kindly given me in respect to some of the Charities.

It is hoped that these pages, written with the object of supplying an evident want of condensed information about the Blind, and the Institutions and Charities connected with their instruction, employment, and relief, may be of some service to those who are anxious to give counsel, or to obtain relief for the Blind.

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Prevention of Blindness in Infancy.

One of the most frequent causes of blindness "is the inflammation of the eyes of new-born infants, which can be prevented, and, if taken in time, cured. . . . about 7,000 persons in the United Kingdom have lost their sight from that cause."—*Extract from the Report of the Royal Commission on the Blind, the Deaf and Dumb, &c.* It has been found that over 30 per cent. of the inmates of the Schools for the Blind are blinded by the neglect and unsuitable treatment of this disease.

The following precaution is, therefore, most essential:—

Immediately after the birth of a baby, and before anything else is done, wipe the eyelids and all parts surrounding the eyes with a soft dry linen rag; soon afterwards wash these parts with tepid water before any other part is touched.

When the disease appears it is easily and at once recognised by the redness swelling, and heat of the eyelids, and by the discharge of yellowish white matter from the eye. **Immediately** on the appearance of these signs, even though the discharge is very slight in amount, **seek the advice of a medical man**; but in the meantime proceed at once to keep the eyes as clean as possible by very frequently cleansing away the discharge. **It is the discharge which does the mischief.**

The cleansing of the eye is best done in this way:—

- 1.—Separate the eyelids with the finger and thumb, and wash out the matter by allowing a gentle stream of luke-warm water to run between them from a piece of rag or cotton wool held two or three inches above the eyes.
- 2.—Then move the eyelids up and down and from side to side in a gentle, rubbing way, to bring out the matter from below them; then wipe it or wash it off in the same manner. The cleansing will take three or four minutes and it is to be repeated regularly **every half hour** at first, and later, if there is less discharge, every hour.
- 3.—**The saving of the sight depends entirely on the greatest care and attention to cleanliness.** Small pieces of clean rag are better than a sponge, as each rag is to be used once only, and then burnt immediately; sponges should never be used except they are burnt after each washing.
- 4.—A little vaseline or lanoline should be smeared along the edges of the eyelids occasionally, to prevent them from sticking.
- 5.—Be very careful not to use for other children, or for yourself, any towel or linen that has been used for the baby, as this eye disease is highly infectious.

SPECIAL WARNING.

As many mistaken practices are often resorted to in these cases, such as the application of poultices, tea-leaves, or sugar of lead lotions, and medical advice postponed or neglected, such applications by themselves are strongly to be condemned as not in accordance with the proper methods of treatment.

NOTE.—By a general Order issued by the Local Government Board on 6th February, 1914, this disease (Ophthalmia Neonatorum), which causes the inflammation of the eyes of new-born infants, was made compulsorily notifiable in every sanitary district in England and Wales from 1st April, 1914

Residential Schools for the Blind

(The correct titles of the Schools are not given, but the names of the towns

- NOTES.—(a) The Schools marked with an asterisk are certified by the Board of Education.
 (b) Instruction is also given at various schools in London (*v. page 26*).
 (c) The list of Day Schools for the Blind under the local education authorities.
 (d) On page 28 is given a list of Workshops for the Blind, at most of which

Name of Town in which the School is located.	Address of School.	When Founded	Age of Admission of Pupils.	Fee for Pupils.
1 *BIRMINGHAM ... *Royal Institution for the Blind.	Carpenter Road, Edgbaston ...	1846	Resident or Day Pupils from 10 to 21.	£100 a year for maintenance, education and clothing. Day Pupils £40 a year ...
„ *Kindergarten in connection with the above	Harborne ...	1905	4 to 12	£76
2 *BOLTON : Thomasson Memorial School.	Devonshire Road ...	1909	5	From outside Authorities : — Boarders £45. Day Pupils £20 p.a.
3 BRADFORD ...	Odsal House, Low-Moor ...	1915	Both sexes from 5 ...	Decided by the Bradford Education Authority ...
4 *BRIGHTON ...	Eastern Road ...	1842	Only Boys from 6 to 16.	£70 a year, clothing included.
5 „ *Barclay Home and School for Blind and Part ally Blind Girls.	Wellington Road ...	1893	Only Girls from 5	For board, training, education and clothing. £75 per annum
6 *BRISTOL ...	Westbury-on-Trym	1793	Both sexes from 5 ...	Under 16, £80 a year for maintenance, clothing and education; over 16, £72, maintenance, clothing and training.

tion under Section 2 of the Elementary Education (Blind and Deaf Children) Act, 1893.

pupils—chiefly adults—are received for instruction in some trade or handicraft.

Professions and Trades Taught.	Maximum number of Pupils that the School can accommodate.	Number of Resident Pupils in the School in Sept., 1921.	GENERAL INFORMATION.
Music (Theoretical, Instrumental and Vocal) Pianoforte Tuning and Repairing, Shorthand and Typewriting, Basket, Brush and Mat Making, Chair Seating, Machine and Hand Knitting, Boot Making and Mending, Clog Making, Telephony	110 (and 60 day scholars).	110 (also 60 day pupils).	These Schools form part of The Birmingham Royal Institution for the Blind, which consists of a Main School and Workshops at Edgbaston, Branch Workshops at Harborne, a Kindergarten Branch at Harborne, and Retail Shop and a Typewriting Department in the centre of the City. The Institution has also a large Home Teaching Branch consisting of 500 blind members visited by four visitors. It possesses scholarships for the purpose of completing the education of pupils over 16 years of age, for whom no other provision can be made. The Richard Middlemore Trust, founded in connection with this Institution, provides outfit of tools, materials, musical instruments. etc., for starting pupils in life on their leaving the Institution.
	45	45	
Hand and Machine Knitting, Chair Seating, Cane Weaving, Bag Making, Shoe Mending, Music, Gardening, Typewriting, Rug Work, Sewing and Needlework.	48 (20 boarders and 28 day scholars).	21	Day Scholars in the Borough are admitted free. If meals are taken at the school they are paid for by the parents at cost price.
	60 (40 resident and 20 day scholars)	37	This School provides free residential training for Bradford children.
Piano Tuning, Basket Making, Chair Caning, Typewriting, Rug Making, Woodwork, Boot Repairing, etc.	53	53	This School is for Boys only, and is certified for 48 under the Act, 1893.
Weaving, Machine Knitting, Basket-work, Chair Caning.	84	86	Girls are educated and receive instruction in Laundry and Housework. The School is certified for 45 Girls under 16 years of age under the Act, 1893. The primary object is for training Girls over 16. (See Barclay Workshops, page 30).
Music, Basket Making, Machine and Hand Knitting, Weaving, Typewriting, Piano Tuning.	117	112	

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Name of Town in which the School is located.	Address of School.	When Founded	Age of Admission of Pupils.	Fee for Pupils.
7 CHORLEY WOOD ... Herts. A College for Girls with little or no sight.	"The Cedars," Chorley Wood, Herts	1921	7 to 19	£35 per term (There are a few exhibi- tions)
..	Sunshine Home, Chorley Wood, Herts	1918	Under 5 years	Parents pay in accord- ance with their means.
8 DEWSBURY	Daisy Hill	1918	16	None
9 *EXETER	St. David's Hill ...	1838	Both sexes from 6	£75 a year
10* GORLESTON-ON-SEA ... GT. YARMOUTH.	Church Road ...	1912	5	£85 a year in case of non- contributing authorities.
11 LEATHERHEAD.—The Royal School for the Indigent Blind (late St. George's Circus Southwark, S.E.)	Highlands Road, Leatherhead ...	1799	Both sexes from 16 to 26 ...	150 free pupils on the Foundation. Paying pupils received, fees £54 per annum.
12 *LEEDS	Blenheim Walk ...	1899	Both sexes from 5	Pupils from outside Leeds a charge of £57 a year is made to Local Education Authorities. Leeds cases by arrangement with the Leeds Edu- cation Authority.
13 LIVERPOOL — *Catholic Blind Asylum ...	59, Brunswick Road	1841	No limit.	Over 16, £40 19s. per annum.
.. *Branch School in connection with the above	Yew Tree Lane, West Derby ...	1901	From 5 to 16	Under 16, as authorised by the Board of Education.
14 .. School for the In- digent Blind ...	Hardman Street ...	1791	Both sexes from 16 to 45 ...	£75 year (inclusive) ...
.. *Branch School in connection with the above	Church Road, Wavertree ...	1898	Both sexes from 5 to 16 ...	£75 a year for board, education, clothing, etc.

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Professions and Trades Taught.	Maximum number of Pupils that the School can accommodate.	Number of Resident Pupils in the School in Sept., 1921.	GENERAL INFORMATION.
Religious Knowledge, English, History, Geography, Mathematics, Science, Modern Languages, Classics, Domestic and other Arts and Crafts, Music (class-singing and instrumental), Gymnastics and Dancing. Pupils also have an opportunity for learning Spinning, Weaving, Pottery, Gardening and Poultry-keeping.			
Kindergarten	25	25	
Typewriting, Basketry, Knitting, Hand Loom Weaving, Chair-Caning, Braille Reading and Writing, &c.	20	None	8 Pupils. No terms,
Music. Typewriting, Basket-work, Mat Making, Knitting, Boot Repairing.	88	84	Non-resident pupils occasionally admitted on terms according to circumstances.
Basket-work, Chair Caning, Housewifery, Cookery, Laundry, Machine Knitting, Piano-forte Playing.	52	52	This School is established by the Education Authorities of Norwich, Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Norfolk, East Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, the Isle of Ely and Essex.
Music, Brush Making, Hand and Machine Knitting and Sewing, Basket and Mat Making, Piano-forte Tuning, Chair Caning and Bootmaking.	250	212	Pupils are elected on the Foundation by the votes of the subscribers. The elections take place in January and in July of each year. The London Office is at St. George's Circus, Southwark, S.E., the Factory at 250, Waterloo Road, S.E., and Atlantic Road, S.W.
	106	62	This is a School under the Leeds Education Authority, and has dormitory accommodation for 147 blind and deaf children including an annexe to the Institution. Day scholars are admitted free from Leeds and on payment of £24 a year by Local Education Authorities outside Leeds. The School is certified under the Act, 1893.
Basket and Mat Making, Chair Caning Weaving, Knitting.	260	217	This is a Roman Catholic Institution. No well-behaved inmate is sent away if wishful to stay in the Asylum, where provision is made for resident adults to work, and also for the delicate and friendless Blind. The sisters of Charity of S. Vincent of Paul have charge. The School is certified for 140 boarders under the Act, 1893.
Basket and Mat Making, Boot Repairing, Chair Seating, Knitting (Hand and Machine).	90	86	There is an Old Pupils Fund with a capital of £3,500. It provides pupils on leaving the School with tools and materials, and assists them in other ways. A Home accommodating 12 adult learners who attend the school daily was established in Hope Street in 1912.
	84	84	There are 8 day pupils who pay £20.

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Name of Town in which the School is located.	Address of School.	When Founded	Age of Admission of Pupils.	Fee for Pupils.
15 LONDON--*County Council School	Linden Lodge, 26, Bolingbroke Grove Wandsworth Common, S.W.	1902	Boys only, at 12 years of age...	Decided by London County Council ...
16 * „ Ditto	Elm Court, 22, Court Road, West Norwood, S.E.	1902	Girls only, at 12 years of age...	Ditto
17 „ *East London Home and School for Blind Children	2 and 4, Warwick Road, Upper Clapton, N.E.	1874	Both sexes from 5 to 16 ...	£75, including clothing.
18 „ *London Society for Teaching and Training the Blind ... 2 (incorp.)	School for the Blind Swiss Cottage, N.W. 3.	1838	Boys and Girls from 5 to 16	£100 a year resident, £30 day.
19 „ Royal Normal College and Academy of Music for the Blind	Westow Street, Upper Norwood, S.E.	1872		
„ <i>Literary.</i>	„ „		Either sex, from 6 to 16. ...	£80 a year
<i>a. Elementary (including Kindergarten, which was opened in 1882.)</i>				
<i>b. Secondary ...</i>			Either sex, up to 21. ...	£95 a year
„ <i>Musical.</i>	„ „		Either sex, up to 21. ...	£95 a year
„ <i>Technical.</i>	„ „			
Pianoforte Tuning			Males, 16—21.	£95 a year
Shorthand & Typing			Females, 16—21 ...	£95 a year
20 „ Smith Training College (in connection with above College).	108, Church Road, Upper Norwood, S.E.	1895	Either sex from 18, who have passed the Preliminary Examination of the Board of Education	£95 a year

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Professions and Trades Taught.	Maximum number of Pupils that the School can accommodate	Number of Resident Pupils in the School in Sept., 1921.	GENERAL INFORMATION.
Basket Making, Chair Caning, Mat Making.	40 (30 resident and 10 day pupils).	30	Boys only are admitted at this Residential Council School. There are 14 day pupils, and the number of these is decided by the London County Council.
There is now a Technical Class (Day) for girls between 16 and 18 years in Machine Knitting.	65 (40 resident and 25 day pupils).	78 (40 resident and 38 day pupils).	Girls only are admitted.
Music, typewriting, machine and hand knitting, sewing, basket-work, chair-caning.	38	38	The School is certified for 17 boys and 21 girls under the Act, 1893.
Music—Organ and Piano. Piano-forte Tuning, Machine Knitting, Typewriting, Boot Repairing, Chair Caning, Basket Making.	96 (80 resident, 16 day.)	96 (80 resident, 16 day.)	Examination for Gardner Trust Scholarships of the annual value of £40 are held in March July and December for those over 16. All pupils receive, in addition to a thorough general and physical education, musical training.
Students are prepared for Matriculation and Entrance Examinations to the Universities and the Preliminary Examination of the Board of Education.	150	140	
Students are trained to become Organists and Teachers of Music, and are prepared for the Examinations of the Royal Academy of Music, Royal College of Music, and Royal College of Organists.			
			The School is certified under the Act, 1893.
			This College is recognised by the Board of Education as a Training College for School Teachers, and Government Grants are made, as in Training Colleges for the seeing.

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Name of Town in which the School is situated.	Address of School	When Founded	Age of Admission of Pupils.	Fee for Pupils.
21 MANCHESTER — Hen- shaw's Blind Institution	Old Trafford ...	1837		
*Elementary School			Both sexes from 5	£95 per annum
Technical School			Ditto 16	£100 per annum
„ College of Music ..	Throstle Nest, Chester Road	1914	24 pupils ...	£100
22 *NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE — Royal Victoria School for the Blind ...	Benwell Dene ...	1838	Both sexes from 5	£80 a year for Residents, and £36 a year for Outboarders.
23 „ „	Royal Victoria School for the Blind, Benwell Grange	Pur- chased and ada ed 1921	Girls over 16 ...	Not yet fixed
24 NORTH SHIELDS ...	4 & 5, Howard Street.	1873	17	At least 7s. 6d. per week
25 NORWICH	132, Magdalen Street	1805	Both sexes from 21 to 50 ...	£52 a year for main tenance, education and clothing.
26 NOTTINGHAM	Chaucer Street ...	1843	From 16 years of age.	£80 per annum
27 PLYMOUTH	North Hill ...	1860	Both sexes from 16	£75 per annum from Boards of Guardians, £91 per annum from Education Authorities
28 *PRESTON	Lytham Road, Fulwood	1895	Both sexes from 6 to 15	£60 a year, and £5 for first outfit.
29 RHYL	Walmer, School for the Blind and Deaf Blind	1903	4 years	£60, plus £10 for Clothing.
30 *ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA (For mentally defective Blind)	22 & 23, Upper Maze Hill ...	1903	Both sexes from 3	From £90 a year

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Professions and Trades Taught.	Maximum number of Pupils that the School can accommodate.	Number of Resident Pupils in the School in Sept., 1921.	GENERAL INFORMATION.
	181	177	The election of pupils usually takes place in February, May, August and November in each year. Tools are granted to satisfactory pupils on leaving school. The Elementary School is certified for 102 children under the Act, 1893
Basket, Mat, Bedding, Cork fender, Knitting, Chair-caning	75	75	The School is certified for 38 males and 37 females, under the Act, 1893. Special attention is given to handicrafts.
Hand loom Weaving, Round and Flat Machine Knitting, Hand Knitting, Chair reseating, Basket and Brush making.	35	Not yet opened.	Purchased as a Residential Training School for blind girls over 16 years of age.
Basket Making, Mat Making, Chair Re-caning.	6		
Hand and Machine Knitting, Chair Caning, Baskets, Mats, Rugs, etc.	60		Non-resident pupils are admitted, but there is no fixed fee. There is also an Asylum for the aged in connection with this Institution (<i>vide page 36</i>).
Basket, Brush and Mat Making, Boot and Shoe Repairing, Pianoforte Tuning and Repairing, Hand Loom Weaving, Hand and Machine Knitting, Chair Caning.	70	54	
Basket Making, Mat Making, Chair Caning, Hand and Machine Knitting.	80	46	£18 per annum for Day Pupils.
	48	47	The School is on the Cottage Home System, and intended for Children resident in North and North-East Lancashire. Pupils all resident.
All ordinary school subjects, including Kindergarten, Type-writing and Music.	11	11	
	35	24	This School, known as the Hastings and St. Leonards Special School for the Blind, was certified by the Board of Education in 1907, and affiliated to the National Association for the Feeble-minded. Pupils whose education has been neglected, and those too delicate for an ordinary school, are given special attention and training. There is accommodation for better-class pupils.

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Name of Town in which the School is situated.	Address of School.	When Founded	Age of Admission of Pupils.	Fee for Pupils.
31 *SHEFFIELD	Royal Blind School, Broomhill, Sheffield ...	1879	Both sexes from 5 to 16	£42 a year for main- tenance, education and clothing for Sheffield pupils. £60 a year for those outside Sheffield
32 *SOUTHSEA	St. Mary's Hall, St. Edward's Road	1864	Both sexes from 5 to 16	£54 10s. a year under, and £58 10s. a year over 12 years of age, exclusive of holidays, but inclu- sive of repairs and renewal of clothing ...
33 *STOKE-UPON-TRENT ...	The Mount ...	1897	Both sexes from 5 to 16	Varies, according to cost.
34 *SWANSEA	Northampton Place	1865	Both sexes from 5	£80 a year for mainten- ance and education.
35 WORCESTER	Worcester College for the Blind ...	1866	From 7 upwards, provided they can feed them- selves and manage their own dressing.	£80 to £100 per annum.
36 *YORK	King's Manor House	1833	Both sexes from 5 to 16	£60 a year.

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Professions and Trades Taught.	Maximum number of Pupils that the School can accommodate.	Number of Resident Pupils in the School in Sept., 1921.	GENERAL INFORMATION.
Music, Typewriting, Machine and Hand Knitting, Chair Caning, Basket, Mat and Brush-work, etc.	70	70	The School is certified for 70 children under the Act, 1893.
Typewriting, Shorthand, Basket Making, Chair Caning, Knitting.	67	64	Day Pupils £25 10s. a year. The school is certified for 36 boys and 36 girls under the Act, 1893, but there is class accommodation for only 66.
	31	31	This school is established by the North Stafford Joint School Authority for the education of blind and deaf children. No non-resident pupils are received.
	70	44	This School is certified for 70 children under the Act, 1893 (40 boys and 30 girls).
A good public school education in Classics, Mathematics, English, Modern Languages, Science, Commercial Subjects and Music	42	42	The object of this College is to prepare blind boys to go to the University and enter any of the Professions or Commerce. Over 40 per cent. have already done so, a large proportion having graduated with honours. There are several Scholarships tenable at the College for the assistance of boys of limited means. An excellent new building, replete with all modern improvements, was opened in 1902.
Piano and Organ, Basket Making, Brush Making, Mat Making, Piano Tuning, Chair Caning, Machine and Hand Knitting.	80	79	This School forms part of the Institution known as The Yorkshire School for the Blind, which includes schools for primary and technical education, workshops for adult blind men, an out-pupils' department for teaching a handicraft to such as have lost their sight after 16 years of age, and an Industrial Home for Blind Women at Scarborough. The "Markham Fund" assists former pupils of the School in starting and carrying on the trades which have been taught to them, and in many other ways. The "Munby Fund" encourages the study of music in the school, and assists musical pupils on leaving. This School is certified for 47 boys and 33 girls, under the Act, 1893.

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WHERE DAY SCHOLARS ARE ADMITTED.

The figures in brackets give the number of day scholars that can be accommodated in each School. Birmingham (30 partially blind); Bolton (28); Bristol (44 partially blind); Burnley (30); Cardiff (30); Leeds (50); Leicester (30 partially blind); Liverpool (40 partially blind); Manchester Chorlton-upon-Medlock (40); Nottingham (56); Oldham (20); Sheffield (55 partially blind); Salford (60 partially blind); Walthamstow (30 partially blind); and Sunderland (18).

The Residential Council Schools for the Blind in Bolton, Bradford, Gorleston-on-Sea, Leeds, London, and Stoke-on-Trent, are given in list of the Residential Schools (*vide* pages 16 to 25).

Under the London County Council.

In March, 1921, there were 311 blind children on the rolls of the eight schools for the Blind under the London County Council. Of these schools, six are day centres for young children, and two are residential. All are certified by the Board of Education. In the day centres the boys and girls are educated together up to the age of twelve or thirteen. The accommodation is as follows:—Battersea (30+40); Camberwell (60); Hackney (30); Kensington (30); Norwood (77); St. Pancras (45); Woolwich (30).

In addition, the Council has 25 Myope Schools with accommodation as follows:—Balham and Tooting (40); Battersea (40); Bermondsey (40); Bethnal Green (20+20); Camberwell (40); Chelsea (20); Fulham (40); Hackney (20); Islington (40+60); Kennington (20); Lewisham (20); Mile End (60); Norwood (60); Paddington (20); Peckham (20); St. Pancras (20+20); Shoreditch (20); Southwark (20+40); Wandsworth (20); Whitechapel (20); Woolwich (20).

The two residential schools provide industrial training for the older boys and girls: Linden Lodge, for boys (*vide* page 20), and Elm Court, for girls (*vide* page 20).

The London County Council gives annually eight scholarships, for blind boys and girls, providing free education and a maintenance grant not exceeding £39 a year. At certain residential institutions the scholarships may take the form of payment for tuition fees and maintenance grant.

Where there are two sets of figures, two schools in one district are indicated.

Four scholarships for blind children over 16 years of age have been placed at the disposal of the Council by the Committee of Gardner's Trust, two of the value of £40 and two of £30 per annum, tenable for four years. These scholarships are available for children who have attended the Council's certified blind schools up to the age of 16.

The Council's Superintendent of Instruction of Blind and Deaf Children is Mr. B. P. Jones, New County Hall, S.E. 1.

L.C.C. SCHOOLS FOR PARTIALLY BLIND CHILDREN.

St. Dunstan Road, Fulham Palace Road, Hammersmith.
 Cook's Ground, Glebe Place, Chelsea, S.W. 3.
 Amberley Road, Paddington, W. 9.
 Exmouth Street, Hampstead Road, St. Pancras, N.W. 1.
 Manchester Street, King's Cross, St. Pancras. W.C. 1.
 Upper Hornsey Road, Holloway, N. 7.
 Sebbon Street, Islington, N. 1.
 Shop Street, Kingsland Road, Shoreditch, E. 2.
 Homerton Row, Hackney, E. 9.
 Cranbrook Road, Old Ford, Bethnal Green, E. 2.
 Portman Place, Globe Road, Bethnal Green, E. 2.
 Redman's Road, Jubilee Street, Stepney, E. 1.
 Fairclough Street, St. George-in-the-East.
 Mulgrave Place, Woolwich, S.E. 18.
 "The Ennersdale," Leahurst Road, S.E. 13.
 Colls Road, Peckham, S.E. 15.
 Page's Walk, Old Kent Road, S.E. 1,
 Denmark Hill, The Grove Lane, Dulwich, S.E. 5.
 Sayer Street, Walworth, S.E. 17.
 Orange Street, Southwark, S.E. 1.
 Lawn Lane, South Lambeth Road, Kennington, S.W. 8.
 Sussex Road, Norwood, S.W. 9.
 Wickersley Road, Lavender Hill, Battersea, S.W. 11.
 Warple Way, York Road, Wandsworth, S.W. 18,
 Fountain Road, Tooting, S.W. 17.
 Mansfield Road, Hampstead
 Old Montagu Street, Whitechapel } to be opened shortly.

Workshops for the Blind

(The correct titles of the Workshops are not given, but the names of the

NOTES.—1. * The Asterisk indicates that the Workshop is attached to one of the Schools

2. At the Workshops, inmates, as a rule, are not received; but workpeople, and otherwise stated, it may be inferred that both sexes are employed

Name of Town in which the Workshop is located.				Address of Workshop.			When founded.	Number of blind persons employed in Sept., 1921.
1	ACCRINGTON	...	...	32, Bank Street	...	...	1907	6
2	BARNSELY	...	...	25, Market Street, Barnsley	...	...	1920	
3	BATLEY...	...	...	Taylor Street	...	...	1920	8
4	*BIRMINGHAM	...	...	Carpenter Road, Edgbaston Woodville Road, Harborne	...	...	1846 1908	187 (exclusive of learners)
5	BLACKBURN	...	...	Thornber Street	...	...	1908	
6	„	..	...	Whalley Range	...	...	1910 Re-opened Nov., 1921	20
7	BOLTON	...	...	Marsden Road	...	...	1867	57
8	*BRADFORD	...	...	2, North Parade	...	...	1861	142
9	BRIGHTON BLIND TRAINING CENTRE			1, Pavilion Buildings	...	...	1920	13
10	„ *Barclay Home	...	...	Wellington Road	...	...	1914	12
11	BRISTOL—*The Workshops for the Blind	...	...	Museum Avenue, Park Street	...	...	1793	42 men and 55 women
12	CARDIFF	...	...	Longcross Street	...	...	1865	84
13	CARLISLE	...	...	Lonsdale Street	...	...	1872	23
14	CHELTENHAM	51, Winchcombe Street	1858	21
15	CHESTER	Union Court, Foregate Street			1913	3

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towns in which the Workshops are severally located, are arranged alphabetically.)

mentioned on the preceding pages.

those under instruction must provide their own board and lodging elsewhere. If not at the Workshops.

Are Pupils received for instruction?	Trades Practised.	GENERAL INFORMATION, INCLUDING FEE, IF ANY FOR LEARNERS.
No, for working when instructed	Flat Machine Knitting Jerseys, etc., Stocking Knitting, Rush and Cane Seating. Boot Repairing, Cane and Basket work, Mat-making and Knitting.	
yes	Basketry.	No Fees
yes	Basket, Brush and Mat Making, Chair Caning, Boot Making, Machine Knitting, Tuning.	These Workshops form part of The Birmingham Royal Institution for the Blind. There is a Retail Shop in New Street, and Type-writing Department at Christ Church Passage. For trades taught and practised <i>vide</i> page 16. At Harborne there is also a Kindergarten.
yes	Basket-making and skip-making.	
yes	Knitting, etc.	Only women workers. Trainers are instructed in general subjects under a scheme approved by Education Committee.
yes	Basket, brush and mat making, knitting, chair-seating, boot-repairing.	Apprentices are taken when there is a vacancy, the fee is £40 for training, £60 for Residence.
yes	Brush-making, basket-making, mat-making, fire-wood chopping, machine and hand knitting.	Day Technical Classes, recognised by the Board of Education, are established for the instruction of blind pupils over 16 years of age. A Residential Training Home for blind men was established in 1906, where there are 16 men brush-making, wood chopping, &c. A Residential Training Home for blind women was established in 1908. 12 women are employed at knitting, chair-caning, &c.
yes	Basket-making, chair caning, etc.	This workshop is in connection with Brighton Relief and Visiting Society. 14 pupils are working and 10 Home workers are employed.
yes	Weaving and machine knitting.	Workshop entirely for girls trained at the Barclay Home.
yes	Basket, brush and mat-making, machine and hand knitting, weaving.	The workers are chiefly former pupils and are non-resident. There is a Hostel for women workers. This is the centre for Home Workers' Scheme for Bristol, Somerset. Wils and Gloucestershire. 65 on register.
yes	Basket, mat, cork fendoff-making, chair caning and sewing. Hand loom weaving and machine-knitting.	Pupils are received from 16 years of age.
yes	Basket and mat-making, bedding manufacturing.	Applicants must be over 16 years of age. Workmen can be boarded and lodged at 17/6 a week each, in a Home adjoining the workshops.
yes	Basket and mat-making, chair-caning.	No fee is charged, but learners are expected to maintain themselves while under instruction,
	Basket-making, chair-caning and rushing.	Only three persons employed as a rule. The men come to the workshop for convenience to do their work. There is no regular teacher.

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Name of Town in which the Workshop is located,	Address of Workshop.	When founded.	Number of blind persons employed in Sept., 1921.
16 DARLINGTON	Wood's Yard, Blackwellgate ...	1921	6
17 DEWSBURY—For the Blind of Dewsbury, Batley and District ...	Daisy Hill	1918	8 Females 3 Males
18 *EXETER	St. David's Hill	1838	22
19 HALIFAX	183, Gibbet Street	1921	6
20 HANLEY, Stoke-on-Trent ...	Victoria Road, Shelton	1901	34
21 HULL—Hull and East Riding Institute for the Blind ...	Beech Holme, Beverley Road ...	1864	55
22 *LEEDS	Albion Street	1866	91
23 LEICESTER	50, Granby Street	1858	50
24 LIVERPOOL	Cornwallis Street	1861	174
25 LONDON—Association for Promoting the General Welfare of the Blind (Incorporated) ...	257 & 258, Tottenham Court Road, W.	1856	153
26 „ Barclay Workshop for Blind Women...	21, Crawford Street, Baker Street, W. 1.	1905	27 33 paid Blind workers 6 Blind pupils
„ „	17, Callow Street, Chelsea ..		
27 „ Blind Employment Factory	246, 248 & 250, Waterloo Road, Southwark, S.E. 1.	1879	78
28 „ London (formerly Surrey) Association for the Blind ...	{ 90, Peckham Road, S.E. 26, Churton Street, S. W. 1. 58, Rochester Row, S.W.	1857	104

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Are Pupils received for instruction?	Trades Practised.	GENERAL INFORMATION, INCLUDING FEE, IF ANY, FOR LEARNERS.
yes	Basket work of every kind, mats and repairs.	
yes	Type-writing, knitting, basketry, weaving, etc.	No fees charged. Our object is to teach the various crafts specially suited to the Blind.
yes	Basket and mat-making.	There are 20 men and 2 women.
no	Basket-making and chair-caning.	
no	Basket-making.	These Workshops, the North Staffordshire Workshops for the Blind, are not connected with the local school, but are managed by an entirely voluntary committee.
yes	Basket, cork fender making, cane chair re-seating, boot-repairing.	There is a Sick Benefit and Entertainment Branch to further develop the usefulness of the Institution, and by it about £3,000 per annum has been expended in Relief, Summer Outings, Christmas Gifts, Augmentation, Bonus, &c., since its formation in 1889.
no	Brush, basket, mat-making and chair-caning.	Applicants must be over 16 years of age, and six months resident in the city. If the Institution be not full, persons not previously resident are admitted. Deaf mutes are employed as well as the Blind. There is a Sick Society under the management of the blind workers.
yes	Basket and brush-making, chair-caning, knitting and weaving, mat-making.	Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Incorporated Association for the Blind. The Association provides a Retail Shop, a Cottage Home for aged Blind Women, a Bible Woman, a Library with about 1000 volumes, &c. There is a teacher of Braille and Moon and weekly grants are made to the necessitous Blind. No fees.
yes	Brush, mat, basket and bedding making, chair-caning, &c.	All Applicants must have been born in Liverpool, Birkenhead, or District, or they must have resided in that neighbourhood for some years, before becoming Blind.
yes	Basket, brush, mattress and mat-making, chair-caning, &c.	This Association assists some of its old employees by way of pension (<i>vide page 44</i>), besides 3 persons elected under former rules, who were never employed in the Institution. There are separate dining rooms for the men and women, and hot dinners are supplied at a cheap rate.
yes	Chiefly hand loom weaving (1 machine knitter)	The fee for pupils is 10s. to 13s. a week
no	Knitting.	This Department formerly existed as "Eyes to the Blind Society."
yes	Basket, brush and mat making, chair-caning, knitting	Preference is given to former pupils in the School (<i>vide Leatherhead, page 18</i>).
yes	Machine knitting, chair-caning, basket-work	Applicants must be above 16 and under 40 years of age. A depot for women workers and for sale of work has been opened at 58, Rochester Row, S.W.

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Name of Town in which the Workshop is located.	Address of Workshop.	When Founded.	Number of blind persons employed in Sept., 1921.
29 LONDON—London Knitting Industries, Ltd. ...	13, Percy Street, Tottenham Court Road, W. 1. ...	1917	35
30 „ *London Society for Teaching and Training the Blind (incorporated) ...	Workshops for the Blind, Swiss Cottage, N.W. 3. ...	1838	40
31 „ The West London Workshops for the Blind ...	60, High Street, Notting Hill Gate, W.	1880	38
32 „ Workshop for the Blind of Kent ...	49, London Street, Greenwich, S.E. 10.	1877	36
33 MANCHESTER *Henshaw's Institution for the Blind (including Depot)	146, Deansgate ...	1881	52
34 MIDDLESBROUGH ...	59, Grange Road West ...	1897	23
35 NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE ...	Breamish Street ...	1870	54
36 NORTHAMPTON ...	Gray Street ...	1898	24
37 NORTH SHIELDS ...	4 & 5, Howard Street ...	1873	9
38 *NORWICH ...	132, Magdalen Street ...	1805	10
39 *NOTTINGHAM ...	Chaucer Street ...	1843	50
40 OLDHAM... ..	New Radcliffe Street ...	1883	25
41 „	Werneth Hall ...	1904	6
42 *PLYMOUTH	North Hill ...	1860	58
43 PONTYPRIDD	Llanover Road ...	1919	21

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Are Pupils received for instruction?	Trades Practised.	GENERAL INFORMATION, INCLUDING FEE, IF ANY, FOR LEARNERS.
no	Knitting	Giris trained at Elm Court School. West Norwood
yes	Chair-caning, boot repairing, basket-making, machine knitting	New workshops opened 1920. Fees for adult pupils £30, including dinner and tea
yes	Basket-making, wood-chopping, chair-caning, knitting	Fee 6/- weekly; less for special cases.
yes	Fendoff and basket-making, chair-caning, mattress-making, and repairs.	Only men between 16 and 40 years of age are admitted, and applicants must be either natives of the County of Kent, or have resided sufficiently long to be termed resident. Fee of 10/- per week until efficient.
no	Basket and skip-making only	This Workshop was originally established in Bloom Street, Salford, and is in connection with Henshaw's Blind Institution (<i>v. page 22</i>).
occasionally	Basket, brush-making and chair-caning	No Fee.
no	Mat, mattress, basket-making and wood-chopping and chair-caning for women	
yes	Basket, brush and mat-manufacturing, chair-caning and knitting	
yes	Basket-making, mat-making, chair re-caning	
yes over 21 years of age	Basket, mat and rug-making, weaving, chair-caning, and knitting for females	Men and Women admitted
yes	Basket, brush, mat-making, boot and shoe-repairing, pianoforte tuning and repairing, hand-loom weaving, hand and machine knitting, chair-caning,	This is the Royal Midland Institution for the Blind for the Counties of Nottingham, Derby, Leicester, Lincoln and Rutland, and is certified as a Technical Training Institution and as Workshops for the Blind over 16 years of age.
yes	Skip-making	Men only employed. An Evening Class is held in the North Moor Council School.
yes	Chair-caning, machine-knitting chiefly	This is a Workshop for women only, who have a dinner provided for them, and receive payment for work done, less the cost of material. The Institution is wholly financed by Miss M. Lees of Werneth Park, Oldham.
yes from 16 years of age	Basket and mat-making, hand and machine-knitting	Pupils (resident) £91 per annum Pupils (non-resident) £18 per annum
yes	Basket-making, mat-making, chair-caning.	Applicants must be over 16 years of age.

Workshops for the Blind

Name of Town in which the Workshop is located.	Address of Workshop.	When founded.	Number of blind persons employed in Sept. 1921.
44 *PRESTON	Lytham Road, Fulwood	1867	29
45 SHEFFIELD	57 & 59, West Street	1860	69 (47 males, 14 females 8 learners)
46 *SOUTHSEA	St. Mary's Hall	1864	2 males
47 STOCKPORT	St. Peter's Gate	1867	18
48 STOURBRIDGE	Bank Street	1914	11 men 1 woman
49 SUNDERLAND	23 & 24, Villiers Street	1877	48
50 *SWANSEA	Northampton Place	1865	43
51 TUNBRIDGE WELLS	75, Calverley Road	1897	10
52 WAKEFIELD	19, Queen Street	1901	12
53 WALSALL	139, Lichfield Street	1905	20
54 WEST HARTLEPOOL	Church Street	1921	11
55 WHITBY... ..	Walker Street	1896	3
56 WIGAN	Millgate	1917	21
57 WOLVERHAMPTON	17, Victoria Street... ..	1882	32
58 *YORK—Outpupils' Department	King's Manor House	1883	3
Outmates' „		1861	25

in England and Wales—continued.

Are Pupils received for instruction?	Trades Practised.	GENERAL INFORMATION, INCLUDING FEE, IF ANY, FOR LEARNERS.
yes	Skip and basket-making for males, and cane-seating for females knitting, boot-making.	A new Boarding House for Adults is erected and will be opened shortly
yes	Brush, mat, and basket-making, knitting, weaving chair-caning and rug-making.	Men and women are employed. Applicants must live in, or near, Sheffield.
yes (but only those who have passed through the school).	Basket-making and chair-caning.	
yes	Brush-making, chopping and bundling of firewood, chair cane-seating.	Applicants must be resident within three miles of Stockport.
yes	Basket-making and mending, and re-caning chairs.	
yes	Chair-caning, rush seating, Basket, bedding and mats, stocking knitting by machinery.	
yes	Basket-making, mat-making and chair-caning (women) machine-knitting and chair-caning, mat-making.	Applicants must be over 16 years of age. The number of workmen (43) is exclusive of those under instruction at the School
no	Basket-making, chair-caning.	
yes	Men at basket-making and women at chair-caning and knitting.	The Sale-room, Workshops, Club-room and Library are all at 19, Queen Street. There is a Sick and Benefit Branch.
no	Basket and wicker work and cane-seating and machine knitting.	
yes	Chair-caning, basket-making, mat-making.	No fee.
no	Basket and wool mattress-making, and rush and cane re-seating of chairs.	The Sale-room is at 2, Brunswick Street. All the workers were trained at the School for the Blind at York. Goods made at the York Institution are also sold.
yes aged 16 upwards	Skip, basket and mat-making, boot repairing, knitting, cane and rush chairs.	No fees.
no	Basket-making, mat-making, chair-caning and machine-knitting.	There are 17 men and 15 women and a retail shop. The Horsman Fund relieves some of the sick and aged, and there is a Sick Benefit Club.
yes	Basket, brush, mattress, and mat-making.	The object of this department is to teach trades to those who have lost their sight after the age of 16. It is worked in connection with the Outmates' Department.
no		Chiefly former pupils of the School.

Homes for

Town in which the Home is located.	Name and Address of Home.	When Founded.
1 BOLTON	Woodlands, Green Lane	1921
2 BRADFORD	Frederick Priestman Home for the Blind, Frizinghall...	1906
3 BRIGHTON	Women's Home for the Blind, Spring Bank Place ...	1908
3 BRIGHTON	Home for Blind Women (Branch of the National Institute for the Blind), 104, Queen's Road ...	1915
4 BRISTOL	The Clifton Home for Blind Women, (Branch of the National Institute for the Blind) 9, Gordon Road, Clifton	1874
5 CHESTER	Guest House for the Blind, (Branch of the National Institute for the Blind) Hoole Bank	1921
6 DEVONPORT	The Manor House	1860
7 HULL	The Rockliffe Home for Blind Women, Beech Holme, Beverley Road, Hull,	1899
8 LEICESTER	Cottage Home and Hostel for Aged Blind Women, 17, South Albion Street	1876
9 "	Wycliffe Cottage Home and Hostel for the Blind Gwendolen Road	1887
10 LIVERPOOL	Home for Aged Blind Women of Liverpool, 113, Aigburth Road	1919
11 LONDON	The Cecilia Home for Blind Women, 111, Abbey Road, N.W.	1861
12 "	The North London Homes for Aged Christian Men and Women, 65-77, Hanley Road, Crouch Hill, N.4 ..	1880
13 "	St. Dunstan's, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, N.W.1.	1915
14 MANCHESTER	Mary Ann Scott Memorial Home and Workshop for Blind Men and Women, "Hayesleigh," Old Trafford.	1911
15 "	Gresham Home, Chester Road, Old Trafford	1916
16 "	Birch Avenue Home, off Talbot Street, Old Trafford ...	1916
17 "	Home for Blind Women, "The Elms," Eccles Old Road, Pendleton, Salford	1900
18 "	Oaklands, Pendleton, Salford	"
19 NORWICH	Institution for the Indigent Blind, 132, Magdalen Street	1805
20 ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA	Seaside Convalescent and Holiday Home, St. Peter's Road	1890

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Number of Inmates Sept. 1921.	GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS.
18	This home is for the reception of men who have lost their sight in adult life and are trained in various handicrafts with a view to being transferred to the workshops as day workers when competent. The Home is fully maintained by Board of Guardians, etc.
14	ditto. for women.
14	Minimum Fee 15/- per week. Applicants must be over 40 years of age. Two beds are reserved for temporary cases.
12	Minimum Fee 15/- per week and Clothing. Applicants must be over 40 years of age,
14 women 6 men.	For blind persons over 50 years of age, of good social position but whose circumstances are reduced.
50	Basket making, chair caning and knitting as a pleasant pastime only. A Home under Ministry of Health Scheme. £1 per week maintenance charge.
9	The inmates have to pay £1 per week, and are employed at domestic work, cane chair seating, typewriting and knitting.
4	A Home for aged and homeless blind women under the care of a matron of their own position in life.
34	Free to the Blind of Leicester. All applications must be made to Wycliffe Society.
20	Application for admission to be made to the Home Teaching Society, Cornwallis Street.
16	Fee £36 a year and clothing. Applicants must be from 20 to 55 years of age. The Home is for women of the lower middle class.
114	There is no stipulated charge, although all residents or their friends are expected to pay to the utmost of their ability. Applicants must be over 50 years of age, except in very special cases. There is a branch Home at Southend-on-Sea (<i>vide page 38.</i>)
Accommodation for 150	St. Dunstan's was a temporary hostel for Soldiers, Sailors and Airman blinded in the war, where they were taught to read and write Braille, typewriting, basket making, mat making, joinery, boot repairing, massage, poultry farming, etc., St. Dunstan's is re-occupied by its owner, and the training is now carried on in workshops erected in the Inner Circle. No charge for admission.
30 males and 30 females	In connection with Henshaw's Institution for the Blind
30 males	
30 females	
30	Fee 17/6 a week. £1 a week for blind women from places other than Manchester and Salford. This home is a branch of the Manchester and Salford Blind Aid Society (<i>vide page 85</i>) Intended primarily for respectable and friendless women of Manchester and Salford.
30	For blind Women. Also in connection with the Manchester and Salford Blind Aid Society.
13	The fee is £52 per annum: both sexes admitted. Applicants must be totally blind and over 50 years of age. Accommodation for 16 inmates, eight of each sex. This Home is part of the same establishment as the School at Norwich (<i>v. page 22</i>)
20	Adults pay 15s. a week, and children under 14, 10s. a week—or free by a subscriber's letter. The Home consists of two houses—one for men and one for women. A few special cases are received during the winter months.

Homes for

Town in which the Home is located.	Name and Address of Home.	When Founded.
21 SCARBOROUGH ...	Industrial Home for Blind Women, 13, Belgrave Crescent	1893
22 SHEFFIELD ...	Overend Cottages, Selbourne Road, Crosspool ...	1900
23 SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ...	Elim, Wilson Road (branch of the North London Homes) ...	1898
24 „ ...	Middleton Holiday Home for the Blind, Camper Road, Southchurch Beach ...	1896
25 SOUTHPORT...	The Godfrey Ermen Memorial Home of Rest for the Blind, Roe Lane ...	1905
26 SWANSEA ...	The Glynn Vivian Home of Rest for the Blind, Caswell Hill, Mumbles ...	1907
27 WORTHING ...	Milton Haven ...	1915

Hostels for

1 BIRMINGHAM ...	Women's Hostel, 1, Carpenter Road ...	1919
2 BRADFORD ...	Waddilove Hostel for Blind Women, Oak Avenue ...	1920
3 BRISTOL ...	Women's Hostel, 15, Woodland Road ...	1906
4 CARDIFF ...	Institute for the Blind ...	1921
5 NOTTINGHAM,	Chaucer Street ...	1920
6 LIVERPOOL ...	3, Kelvin Grove ...	1920
7 LONDON ...	Hostel for Blind Women, 36, Bessborough Street ...	
8 „ ..	67, Belgrave Road... ..	
9 „ ...	Hostel for Men and Boys, 33, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill ...	1920
10 „ ...	Hostel for Men, Waterloo Road ...	1919
11 „ ...	Hostel for Women, 35, St. George's Square, Regents Pk.	1920
12 „ ...	Hostel, 40, Langham Street, W. ...	1917
13 SWANSEA ...	Hostel for Men, 24, Carlton Terrace ...	1919
14 TUNBRIDGE WELLS...	Hostel for Men, 75, Calverly Road ...	1919

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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS.

5	This Home is a Branch of the Yorkshire School for the Blind, York, whose Committee elect all inmates. Forms of application can be obtained at the School. The Home was removed in April, 1906, to its present more commodious premises. The sales shop is in Londesborough Road.
8	There is accommodation for 6 couples, who have been five years resident in Sheffield. Each inmate receives a pension from 5s. per week and gas free.
19	For younger blind women. There is accommodation for 20.
	Blind persons and their guides are admitted for two weeks holiday in the Home, longer by arrangement. Permanent blind boarders taken. It is supported partly by the Indigent Blind Visiting Society and boarders and those on holiday. Terms 17s. 6d. per week. The Home is non-sectarian.
40	Accommodation for 20 blind men and 20 blind women. The fees are 16s. per week. Residents of Manchester and Salford pay 9s. per week for two weeks only. Club Members 7s. per week for two weeks. Winter residents 20s. per week. Members of the Sick and Benefit Club pay 7s. This Home is in connection with the Manchester and Salford Blind Aid Society,
12	Open all the year. Accommodation for 11 males and 9 females. Minimum charge 18s. per week. Many blind persons go to the Home for a few weeks rest, and the largest number of inmates is from May to September. Hon. Sec., Mr. Joseph Hall, Grosvenor House, Swansea, to whom all communications should be addressed.
Accommodation for 10	The Home is primarily intended for Sailors and Soldiers blinded in the War. When not required for them, convalescent and other blind persons admitted. Fee, £1 per week.

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13	Charge for Board 12s. per week. For those employed in the workshops.
22	Workers at Royal Blind Asylum Workshops only are received and especially ex-pupils of the Bristol School.
12 women	
33	
8	Hostel for women working at Cornwallis Street workshops
	} In connection with the London Association for the Blind.
15	Application to be made to the Rev. St. Clare Hill, Leatherhead,
30	Application for admission should be made to Miss Martindale, 57, Bryanston Street, W.
47	Solely for blind employees at the National Institute for the Blind.
10	Application to be made to Joseph Hall, Esq., Grosvenor House, Swansea.
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Societies in England and Wales which

NAME.	ADDRESS.	When Founded.
1 BACUP—The Rossendale Society for Visiting and Instructing the Blind.	<i>Hon. Sec.</i> , 340, Newchurch Road, Stocksteads,	1890
2 BERKS—County Blind Society.	Mrs. Montagu Brown, Kentons, Reading.	1910
3 BIRMINGHAM — Henry Stainsby Pension Fund.	The Royal Institution for the Blind, Egbaston, Birmingham.	1908
Mrs. Mary Hadley Pension Fund for Women.	" "	1913
4 The William Stevenson Trust.	c/o Messrs. Forsyth, Bettinson & Co., 36, Cannon Street, Birmingham.	1908
5 BOURNEMOUTH — Blind Pension Fund.	Mr. W. F. Lattey, Linden House, Hawkwood Road, Boscombe, Bournemouth.	1914
6 BRADFORD (Yorks), John Harrison Fund for the Relief of the Poor Blind	The Royal Institution for the Blind, Bradford, Yorks.	1884
Queen Victoria Pension Fund	" " " "	1897
Mrs. Lythall Memorial ...	" " " "	1899
Ada Waud Memorial ...	" " " "	1900
Miss Holloway Memorial	" " " "	1906
7 BRIGHTON—The "Moon" Pension Fund.	Miss Munro Ritchie, <i>Sec.</i> , Brighton Blind Relief Society, 1, Pavilion Buildings.	1911
8 BRISTOL—Rev. E. Kempe's Trust	Royal Workshops for the Blind, Park Street, Bristol.	1856
9 " John Merlott's Charity	The Office of the Bristol Municipal Charities, St. Stephen's Street, Bristol	1784
10 BUCKS—King Edward Memorial Fund for Buckinghamshire	c/o Mrs. Knapp, Linford Hall, Wolverton.	1913
11 CARDIFF—Shand Memorial Fund	The Institute for the Blind, Glossop Road, Cardiff	1886
12 CARMARTHENSHIRE Blind Relief Society	Miss Constance Brigstocke, 10, Spilman Street, Carmarthen.	1860
13 CORNWALL — The Dowager Lady Robinson's Fund for the Blind	c/o The Mayor of Penzance	1896

assist the Blind by way of Pension.

Number of Pensioners in Sept., 1921.	Amount of Pension.	GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS.
8	£7 4s. a year.	Applicants who have received Parish Relief are ineligible. The elections take place in April and October.
13	1/- to 4/- per week.	Applicants must be residents in Berks.
10	£6 to £12.	} Preference given to those who have been members of the staff or pupils of the Institution, or workers in the Trading department, or persons on the roll of the Adult Blind Branch.
12	£6 to £13.	
3	£10	Applicants must be widows who have been blind for not less than three years, who are poor and reside in the parish of Handsworth.
2	2/6 a week.	Applicants must be poor and deserving blind persons residing within a radius of 15 miles from The Square, Bournemouth. No limit to age.
	£10 & £5 a year.	Applicants must have resided in Bradford for 5 years, and be unable to work. There is no limit as to age. Payments are made monthly.
4	£5	} For assisting the aged and needy blind workpeople in connection with the Bradford Royal Institution for the Blind.
	£5	
2	£15	Applicants must be blind persons, who have resided for five years in Bradford and are unable to work. There is no age limit. Payments made monthly.
4	£5	For assisting aged and needy blind workpeople in connection with the Bradford Royal Institution for the Blind.
7	£6 and £3 a year.	Applicants must be necessitous blind persons residing in Sussex and not less than 21 years of age. If married, income not to exceed £30 a year, if unmarried, £20 a year.
10	£2 10s. & £4	Applicants must have been former pupils of the Bristol School of Industry for the Blind, not married. These are biannual Gifts in February and not pensions in the usual sense.
40	£10 a year.	Applicants must be above 50 years of age, and have been totally blind for 3 years. They must not be in receipt of parish relief nor have an assured income of £20 a year other than the Old Age Pension.
4	£5 4s. a year.	The four pensions are allotted by the Buckinghamshire Association for the Blind, of which Mrs. Knapp is Central Hon. Sec.
25	£5 a year.	Applicants must be at work at the Cardiff Institute.
21	2/6 & 5/- monthly.	Applicants must be resident in the county of Carmarthen, in poverty, and of good character. A gratuity is given every Christmas.
34	£10 each	Applicants must be inhabitants of Penzance, or of the towns of Redruth and Camborne, or of any of the Parishes following, viz.: St. Erth, Madron, Gulval, Paul, Sancreed, St. Just, St. Burian, St. Levan, Sennen and Ludgvan. Elections take place on the first Wednesday in January, April, July and October, and applications must be forwarded by post before the 1st of the month. The Trustees appoint.

Societies in England and Wales which

NAME.	ADDRESS.	When Founded.
29 LEATHERHEAD — Royal School for the Indigent Blind (Bird's Williams', County Asylum Fund, Randell's and E. C. Johnson's).	Highlands Road, Leatherhead, Surrey ... London Office, 1, St. George's Circus, S.E.	{ 1827 1865 1871 1888 1895 }
30 „ Arthur Hawkesley Pension Fund	c/o Royal School for the Blind, Leatherhead	1918
31 LEEDS — Institution for the Blind	Albion Street	1866
32 LEICESTER — Miss S. Barlow's Charity for Blind Women	The Clerk to the Trustees, 1, Welford Rd., Leicester	1886
33 LIVERPOOL — The Cornwallis Street Blind Annuity Fund ...	Workshops for the Blind, Cornwallis Street	1865
34 LONDON — Association for Promoting the General Welfare of the Blind (Incorporated)	257 & 258, Tottenham Court Road, W....	1856
35 „ Blind Man's Friend, or Day's Charity	The Clothworkers' Hall, 41, Mincing Lane, E.C.	1836
36 „ Clothworkers' Company (West, Newnam, Thwaytes,	The Clothworkers' Hall, 41, Mincing Lane, E.C.	1718
37 „ Cordwainers Company (Came's)	Cordwainers Hall, 7, Cannon Street, E.C.	1796

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Number of Pensioners in Sept., 1921.	Amount of Pension.	GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS.
25	Approximately, £4 10s. a year.	Preference is given to former pupils of the School who are past work or unable to support themselves. The Committee appoint. Payments made yearly in December.
12	£40 (1); £20 (9) £15 (2)	For persons in reduced circumstances. Payments quarterly.
43	1 at £26 a year 3 at £5 a year, and 39 from 1/- to 10/- weekly.	Pensions and relief only given to local applicants.
10	£8 15s. a year.	The income from £3,500 is divided equally by the Trustees, between "ten blind women of good character, for the time being resident in the city and county of Leicester," as the "Trustees in their own discretion shall think fit."
6	£106 9s. 4d. per ann.	All the Pensioners are workpeople, who have been employed in the Workshops and have become disqualified for work by age, accident, or infirmity.
24	£6 to £52 a year	Applicants must be old pupils of the Institution, and be totally or partially unable to work.
250	£20, £16 & £12 a year.	Applicants must be over 21 years of age, resident in the United Kingdom, too blind to perform any work for which eyesight is essential, and not have been in receipt of parish relief during two years next preceding the appointment. If over 50 years, they must already hold and be able to retain the full Old Age Pension of £26 a year. The Trustees appoint. Payments are made quarterly in advance.
648	£30, £25, £20, £15, £10 & £5 a year.	Applicants must be over 21 years of age, and too blind to perform any work for which eyesight is essential. They must not be in receipt of parish relief, nor publicly solicit or receive alms. If under the age of 50 they must not be in receipt of a yearly income in excess of £45 from other sources, and if of 50 years of age and upwards they must not be in receipt of a yearly income in excess of £47 5s. from other sources; and their total income, including pension from any of these Charity funds, must not exceed £50 or £52 5s. respectively. In the case of applicants of 50 years of age and upwards they must already hold and be able to retain as part of such income a full Old Age Pension of £26 a year. The pensions are intended primarily for residents in London or its neighbourhood. The £5 pensions are mostly reserved for cases where a higher pension would involve loss of income from other sources. WING'S CHARITY of £30 or £20 a year is reserved for applicants who have been in a better station in life, and whose income does not exceed £50 a year (temporarily increased to £80 a year).
116	£5 a year.	Applicants, if they be men, must be 45 years of age or upwards, if women and married, 40 years or upwards, if widows or spinsters, 30 years or upwards, must be totally blind, never have received parish relief, nor begged in the streets, and must reside in, or within 100 miles of London. The election takes place in December each year, and application should be made before the 1st of October. The application, if unsuccessful, must be renewed every three years. A pension of nearly £8 a year (Love's) is given to the most aged pensioner on the list <i>in lieu</i> of the £5. A pension of about £3 a year (Woolnough's) is given <i>in addition to the £5</i> , to the person who has been longest on the list. The payments are made annually.

Societies in England and Wales which

NAME.	ADDRESS.	When Founded
38 LONDON, <i>contd.</i> — Drapers' Company (Granger's Charity for the Blind.)	<i>Hon. Sec.</i> , Blind Man's Friend Charity, Clothworkers' Hall, 41, Mincing Lane E.C.	1784
39 „ Edith and Norman Lord Pensions Fund	c/o Gardner's Trust for the Blind, 53, Victoria Street, S.W.	1908
40 „ Gardner's Trust for the Blind	53, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.	1879
41 „ Goldsmiths' Company (Cureton's Charity) ...	Foster Lane, Cheapside, E.C.	1838
„ (Corporate Funds) ...	„ „	1874
42 „ „ Governesses' Benevolent Institution	Dacre House, 5, Arundel Street, Strand, London, W.C.	1843
43 „ Harley's Trust (The Hon Frances Harley).	Messrs. Harrison, Pollock & Harrison, Vernon House, Bloomsbury Square, W.C.	1841
44 „ Hetherington's Charities (Christ's Hospital)	26/27, Great Tower Street, E.C. 3. ...	1774
45 „ Howard's Charity for the Blind.	The Clerk, The Vestry, St. Marylebone Church, W.	1854

assist the Blind by way of Pension—continued.

Number of Pensioners in Sept., 1921.	Amount of Pension.	GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS:
5	£12 a year as a maximum.	Applicants must be totally blind, deserving, necessitous, and of good character, who have not for at least two years next preceding the time of their appointment received Poor Law Relief, other than medical relief. No limit as to age. Pensions are granted for a term of three years in the first instance, but may be prolonged by the Trustees if they think fit, for a further period of not more than three years at each prolongation. They are awarded by the Trustees upon the nomination of the Trustees of the Blind Man's Friend Charity—to whom all applications should be addressed.
34	£26 a year.	Applicants must be blind English men and blind English women in any part of England, must have become blind after their 20th year and must be over 35 years of age, must never have begged in the streets or other public places and may be married or single. The Committee of Gardner's Trust for the Blind allot the pensions.
225	£20, £15 & £10 a year.	Applicants must be resident in England or Wales, not in receipt of parish relief, of good moral character, and in real need of help. There is no limit as to age. No assistance is given to street musicians, and the intermarriage of blind persons is much deprecated. The Committee appoint. Payments made quarterly in advance. This Trust gives assistance towards instruction in music, trades, etc. (<i>vide précis page 54.</i>)
7	£20 a year.	Applicants must be totally blind and resident in the county of Middlesex. Preference is given to Freemen of the Company and their widows, and to Freemen of the City of London and their widows. There is no limit as to age. Payments are made quarterly.
60	£20 a year.	Applicants must be resident in Middlesex, Kent, Essex, Herts or Surrey. Preference is given to Freemen of the Company and their widows. There is no limit as to age. Payments are made quarterly.
5	From £30 to £50 a year.	Applicants must be over 50 years of age, governesses, single or widows, and must not be in receipt of more than £30 a year. The pension is forfeited by marriage. Payments are made half-yearly. Many blind governesses are helped by the Temporary Assistance Fund of the Institution.
12	£20 a year.	Applicants must be members of the Church of England, and must reside with some friend or friends of respectable character, whose name or names must be given on application. The Trustees appoint. Payments made quarterly.
650	£10 a year and upwards.	Applicants must be not less than 50 years, with preference to persons aged 61 or upwards, and "so blind as to be unable to perform work for which eyesight is essential," must have been born and resident in England to the exclusion of Wales and Berwick-upon-Tweed. Any income already possessed by the blind person must not exceed £42 a year, and except in very special circumstances a blind person is receipt of less than the full State pension of 10s. a week will not be elected a pensioner. Any person in receipt of Poor Law relief, other than Outdoor relief, is ineligible. Forms of application are issued during October of each year, but no form will be issued without an assurance that the intending applicant has the above-mentioned qualifications. Election of pensioners in December each year, and unsuccessful applicants should renew their applications in the following October.
36	13s. a year	The funds are distributed by the Minister and Churchwardens of St. Marylebone Church, on Christmas Eve, to deserving blind persons residing in the civil parish of St. Marylebone.

Societies in England and Wales which

NAME.	ADDRESS.	When Founded.
46 LONDON, <i>contd.</i> —Humston's Charity for the Blind, administered by the Governors of the Aldgate Lordship Foundation	<i>Clerk</i> , Mr. Ernest Turner, Vestry Hall, Vine Street, Minories, E.C.	1777
47 „ Indigent Blind Visiting Society	8, Red Lion Square, W.C. 1.	1834
48 „ The Jewish Blind Society, formerly Institution for the Relief of the Indigent Blind of the Jewish Persuasion	135, Fordwych Road, London, N.W. 2. ...	1819
49 „ Painter Stainers' Company (Stock's, Shank's, Granger's, Smith's, Yeates', and Syddalls')	The Painter Stainers' Hall, 9, Little Trinity Lane, E.C.	1782
50 „ Rashdale's Charity for Blind Women.	c/o Gardner's Trust, 53, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.	1797
51 „ Royal Blind Pension Society of the United Kingdom.	237, Southwark Bridge Road, S.E. ...	1863
52 „ Society for Granting Annuities to the Poor Adult Blind	1, St. George's Circus, Southwark, S.E. ...	1858

assist the Blind by way of Pension—continued.

Number of Pensioners in Sept., 1921.	Amount of Pension.	GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS.
5	About £12 a year, but the amount varies.	There is no limit as to age. Preference is given to lightermen or watermen, their widows or children, belonging to (but not receiving poor law relief from), the parishes of St. Botolph, Aldgate, London, St. Botolph, Aldgate, Middlesex, St. John of Wapping, or St. Paul, Shadwell. Preference is also given to the children of former residents in the aforementioned parishes. Payments are made monthly. The Governors appoint.
107	From £2 12s. to £26 a year, about £950 in all.	Applicants must be resident in London, poor and deserving. The Committee appoint. Over 400 blind persons are visited and assisted by small weekly allowances in money, and those who are likely to succeed are started in some business. Mangles, pianos, knitting machines, boot-repairing tools, or any kinds of machines lent if they will help the applicants to earn a living. A sum of £50 is also spent yearly for giving a fortnight's holiday at Southend to those in need of a rest and change. Classes are held (<i>vide page 62</i>). Women are employed in connection with this Society, in knitting, crochet, etc.
68	Maximum £26 a year.	Applicants must be totally blind, have been seven years resident in British Empire. Payments made weekly, monthly or quarterly.
180	£10 a year.	Applicants must be 55 years of age complete, born in England, 1 year totally blind, and 2 years resident in the same parish; must have never received parish relief, and have no assured income above £10 a year, or receive any benefaction to that amount either before, or after election. Petitions are issued annually, from October 25th to November 26th inclusive. Payments made annually. The election takes place in the 2nd week in December.
5	£5 a year.	Applicants must be poor blind females of good moral character. The Trustees, who are the Committee of Gardner's Trust for the Blind, appoint. Payments made half-yearly. This charity grants pensions, each of the yearly value of £13, or such a less yearly value as will make up the yearly income to not less than £13.
1322	£6 and upwards a year.	Applicants must be over 21 years of age, resident in the United Kingdom, and their income, if single, must not exceed £30 a year; if married £52 a year. The receipt of parish relief is no bar to candidature. Payments are made monthly. The election is by the votes of the subscribers, except in the cases of two or more candidates who are elected by rotation at each half-yearly election in May and November. The Committee are also empowered to conclude contracts for the purchase of pensions for candidates eligible by the rules. There are also a few "Memorial" Pensions in the gift of the Committee. Pensioners until 40 years of age receive 10/- a month, and after attaining that age 15s. Forms of application should be returned by February 21st for the May election, and by August 21st for the November election.
311	£10 & £6 a year.	Applicants must be over 40 years of age, not in receipt of parish relief, and not mendicants. The election is by votes of the subscribers, in May and November. Payments are made half yearly in advance on the 15th of April and 15th of October. Grants are made from the Cranborne Memorial Fund (<i>vide page 83</i>).

NAME.	ADDRESS	When Founded.
53 LONDON, <i>contd.</i> — South London Association for assisting the Blind (Incorporated)	Mrs. A. M. Hamilton, <i>Hon. Sec.</i> , 8, Red Lion Square, W.C. 1.	1863
54 „ The Hepburn Starey Blind Aid Society	Mrs. Hepburn Starey, <i>Hon. Sec.</i> , 51, Belsize Avenue, N.W.	1864
55 MANCHESTER—Henshaw's Institution for the Blind	Old Trafford, Manchester	1837
57 NEWPORT & MONMOUTHSHIRE. Blind Aid Society	27, Charles Street, Newport	1865
56 NORTHAMPTON—George Phillips' Trust	Mr. F. Ellen, Clerk to the Trustees, 13, Market Square, Northampton.	1899
58 NOTTINGHAM—"George and Ann Smith Pension Fund" "Royal Midland Institution for the Blind Pension Fund."	Royal Midland Institution for the Blind, Nottingham " " " " " " " " " " " "	1915 1918
59 OUNDLE—Clifton's Charity	Clerk to Feoffees of Oundle's Town Estate, Clerk's Office, Oundle	1723
60 OXFORD—Municipal Charity (Woodington's).	Clerk to the Trustees, 4, George Street, Oxford.	1875
61 PEMBROKESHIRE—Blind Relief Society	Miss T. Baring-Gould, 6, Picton Place, Haverfordwest	1861
62 READING—Blind Aid Society	Mr. Hugh E. Walford, Pattingham, London Road.	1893
63 ROSSENDALE	Mr. Harry Jackson, West View, B	1906
64 SHEFFIELD—Royal Institution for the Blind	57-59, West Street, Sheffield	1900
65 STAFFORDSHIRE—Alice Fenton's Charity	Clerk of the County Council, County Buildings, Stafford.	1782

assist the Blind by way of Pension—continued.

Number of Pensioners in Sept, 1921.	Amount of Pension.	GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS.
74	<div> <div>4 of £5 a year</div> <div>59 of £4 "</div> <div>11 of £2 "</div> </div>	<p>Payments made quarterly. This Society also grants loans, gives general assistance, and holds classes (<i>v. page 62</i>), "The Edmonds In Memoriam Holiday Fund" of £50 per annum, is used to give members of the classes a holiday, by the sea or in the country.</p>
About 160	Small weekly grants amounting to about £600 during a year.	<p>This Society holds meetings for entertainments, prayer, lectures, &c. every Thursday evening, gives medical aid, and help in money and in kind, and sends urgent cases to the country and seaside. Preference given to residents in the neighbourhood (<i>v. page 61</i>). These are gifts, and not pensions in the usual sense.</p>
63	5/- to 10/- weekly.	<p>Particulars as to the Government of the Charity, Management of the Inmates, Forms of Application for Admission, and any information in reference to the Aims and Work of the Institution, may be had on application to the Secretary, Mr. J. W. Brooks, F.C.I.S., Office of the Charity, Old Trafford, Manchester.</p>
8	£6 per annum	<p>In cases of old age or other affliction besides blindness.</p>
6	2/6 a week.	<p>This Charity is in connection with the Northampton and County Association for promoting the general welfare of the Blind. The primary object is "to pay or allow to indigent blind persons belonging to the town and county of Northampton any sum not exceeding 5/- each per week."</p>
2	£10 per annum	<p>... Pensioners must be or have been connected with the Institution.</p>
5	£10 "	<p>...</p>
2	£6 10s.	<p>Applicants must be resident in Oundle. There is no limit as to age. The Feoffees of Oundle appoint.</p>
5	£23 8s. a year.	<p>Applicants must be resident in the city of Oxford. There is no limit to age.</p>
17	3/6 a month.	<p>Applicants must be aged and poor residents in Pembrokeshire, and must be recommended by the clergyman or the district visitor of the parish.</p>
28	£6 to £12 per annum	<p>Applicants must be resident in the Borough of Reading. There is an endowment fund to provide the pensions. This Society assists in other ways.</p>
12	£7 4s. a year.	<p>For needy blind people in Rosendale Valley. Receipt of Parish Relief at the time when application is made renders applicants ineligible.</p>
14	From 3s. to 10s. weekly.	<p>Applicants must be above the age of 21 years, wholly or in part unable to maintain themselves, and have been resident in Sheffield not less than five years. Mendicants and itinerant musicians are ineligible.</p>
1	£5 4s.	<p>Applicants must be deserving and necessitous blind persons bonâ fide resident in the County of Stafford.</p>

assist the Blind by way of Pension—*continued.*

Number of Pensioners in Sept., 1921.	Amount of Pension.	GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS.
50	9s. a week.	Applicants must be over 60 years of age.
6	£9 12s.	Applicants must be resident in Sussex. Local cases have first claim. There is no limit as to age. Payments are made monthly. The Trustees appoint.
10	£7 7s. 0d.	There is a Special Trust for the Blind from which 10 blind people get £7 7s. per annum.
4	£4	This Charity was founded for the relief of 2 men and 2 women not in receipt of parish relief. Preference is given to residents in Hurst and Ruscombe. Payments made yearly on October 16th. This is not a regular pension society as grants are made to different persons each year.
7	£12 10s. a year.	A scheme was sanctioned by the Court in 1911 for the administration of this Charity. Under it 26 persons were in receipt of a yearly Pension of £12 10s. Under the will £10,000 were "bequeathed to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the City of Worcester, to be invested and held by them in perpetuity, as trustees, for the purpose of granting 20 pensions of £12 10s. a year to such of the blind poor of the County of Worcester as shall be of good moral character, and shall have resided in the County for 5 years."
30	From £10 to £20 a year.	This Charity was founded for the benefit of ministers, and the wives, widows and children of ministers of all denominations in the United Kingdom who are blind, or nearly blind, or idiotic. Payments made half-yearly, in February and August.
2	£2 10s. 0d.	Annual Grant. Ex-pupils only.
2	£5 0s. 0d.	" " Out Males "
6	£15 0s. 0d.	Six Blind Women in Yorkshire.
8	£8 a year.	Applicants must be resident in York.

Opportunity to work is the boon the Blind ask of their fellow-men. Work, profitable work, robs blindness of its cruellest sting, it pervades our darkness with the light of joy and contentment," "You cannot bring back the sight to the vacant eyes; but you can give a helping hand to the sightless along their dark pilgrimage. You can teach them new skill. For work they once did with the aid of their eyes, you can substitute work that they can do with their hands. They ask only opportunity, and opportunity is the torch of darkness. They crave no charity, no pension, but the satisfaction that comes from lucrative toil, and this satisfaction is the right of every human being." *Extracts from letters written by MISS HELEN KELLER, in support of the New York Association for the Blind.*

Gardner's Trust for the Blind.

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The "Gardner Trust for the Blind" is the Trust created by the Will of the late Mr. Henry Gardner, of 1, Westbourne Terrace, Hyde Park, who, at his death on January 9th, 1879, left the sum of £300,000, free from legacy duty, for the benefit of blind persons residing in England or Wales.

In order that the Fund should be employed in the best possible way, and in accordance with the wishes of the Testator, the matter was referred to the Court of Chancery, where a Scheme for the administration of the Fund, dated January 20th, 1882, was drawn up and approved. In pursuance of an application from the Committee, the Board of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales issued an Order on February 23rd, 1894, varying the Scheme of the Trust, which has the effect of constituting four general headings for the distribution of the income of the Fund, after payment of the necessary expenses of management, viz.—

1. Two-ninths shall be applied in instructing the Blind in the profession of Music.
2. Two-ninths shall be applied in instructing the Blind in suitable trades, handicrafts and professions other than the profession of Music.
3. Two other of such nine equal parts shall be applied in providing pensions for the poor and deserving Blind who may be incapable of earning their livelihood.

4. The remaining three of such nine equal parts shall be applied in such manner as the Committee think best for the benefit of the Blind.

The Committee, who meet, as a rule, on the first Tuesday in each month, and oftener when necessary, have absolute discretion in managing and carrying into effect the Scheme of the Charity, in strict accordance with these provisions.

All applications should be made to the Secretary, either personally or by letter, at the office, and not to Members of the Committee.

A report of the Trust is published annually, and a copy can be obtained on application to the Secretary.

In administering the Fund, the Committee desire as far as possible—

- A. To make grants from this fund the means of eliciting the contributions or assistance of other persons and societies.
- B. To give to the persons aided such assistance as will call out their own exertions, and put them in the way of maintaining themselves; but this is not meant to apply to the cases of persons who are considered fit subjects for pensions.
- C. To avoid such application of the Fund as will merely do that which would otherwise be done by the parochial rates.

No person is disqualified from receiving assistance by reason of his religious opinions; but no person can receive assistance unless the Committee are first satisfied that he is of good moral character and in real need of help from the Fund.

The following information will be useful to persons seeking assistance from the Trust:—

1. INSTRUCTION in Trades, Handicrafts and Professions, including Music (A.)—Scholarships of different values from £20 to £60 a year are founded at the Universities, and at various Institutions, and, as vacancies occur from time to time, blind persons between the ages of sixteen and twenty-seven, who are desirous of becoming candidates, should make application to the Secretary of the Trust, in order that their names may be

registered. No person is permitted to compete for any scholarship unless the Committee are first satisfied that he has such health and strength of body and mind as will enable him to pursue his studies to advantage.

The Scholarship does not cover, as a rule, the entire cost of the pupil's expenses at the Institution. In the first instance, the scholar is sent for three months on trial, and the Committee reserve to themselves the power of declaring the Scholarship vacant, if the result be unsatisfactory to them; if, however, the result be satisfactory, the Scholar holds his Scholarship for a year from the time that he entered the Institution, and then is re-elected from year to year, provided that the Committee at the expiration of each year are satisfied, by such evidence as they may require, that the Scholar has shown capacity, applied himself diligently to his studies, has otherwise conducted himself in a satisfactory manner, and is in need of further instruction. The decision of the Committee as to the re-election of a Scholar or otherwise is final and conclusive.

(B). Assistance by way of contribution is given to Institutions undertaking the instruction of the Blind, and also to individual blind persons above the age of 16 years who are unable to meet the whole expense of such instruction.

2. PENSIONS.—Grants by way of pension are made without restriction as to age. Persons in receipt of parochial relief are, by one of the regulations drawn up by the Committee for their general guidance, ineligible. No assistance is given to street musicians, and the intermarriage of blind persons is much deprecated. In the Report of the Royal Commission on the Blind, the Deaf and Dumb, etc., it is recommended that the intermarriage of the Blind should be strongly discouraged. Every applicant should, in the first instance, send his name in full, age, and address, to the Secretary, and state the average amount of his weekly income and from what sources it is derived. A letter from the clergyman of the parish in which the applicant lives, or from the minister of the chapel which he attends, should also be sent to the Secretary, giving full particulars, and certifying

from personal knowledge that the applicant is of good character, thoroughly deserving, and in real need of assistance from the Trust.

The pensions, which are of the amounts £10, £15, and £20 a year, are terminable by the Committee on six months' notice, and are withdrawn without notice, if the pensioner prove undeserving, or no longer in need.

As only a portion of the income of the Trust can be applied in granting pensions, and as the applicants have been very numerous, and vacancies occur but seldom in the list of pensioners, very many persons, however deserving, must perforce be disappointed.

3. GRANTS by way of free gifts are made in the following and other cases:—

- (A). To Institutions for the purchase of furniture and apparatus required for the instruction of additional pupils beyond those already there, or otherwise in special cases.
- (B). For the manufacture of books in blind type, and grants of such books.
- (C). To assist local efforts for the establishment or fitting up of Schools, at which technical training may be given to the Blind in trades or handicrafts.
- (D). To enable persons who have received instruction in a trade, handicraft, or profession to begin the practice thereof and make a start in life, by providing them with tools, materials, &c., and also
- (E). To those persons who require help to continue their trade, handicraft, or profession, and are unable to procure it from friends or other sources.

Grants under headings D and E are made with no intention that they will be repeated, but with the hope of *permanently* establishing the recipients in some trade, handicraft, or profession.

NOTE.—Throughout this précis words importing males include females.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Trustees for the time being of the Gardner Trust for the Blind the sum of _____, free of legacy duty, for the general purposes of the said Trust, to be paid within _____ calendar months next after my death, exclusively out of such part of my personal estate as by the laws in force at my death may be bequeathed for charitable purposes, and in priority to all other payments thereout, but to be subject to abate proportionately with all other legacies in case my general personal estate shall be insufficient for payment of them all in full. And I declare that the receipt of one of the Trustees of the said Trust shall be an effectual discharge for the said legacy.

The National Institute for the Blind.

Registered under the Blind Persons Act, 1920.

(Founded 1868.)

224-228, GREAT PORTLAND STREET, LONDON, W.

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It also takes a considerable share in providing for the Welfare of Soldiers and Sailors who were blinded in the War.

BRANCHES:

NORTHERN BRANCH. Cumberland, Westmoreland, Lancashire (part), Cheshire (part), Derbyshire. *Office:* 90, Deansgate, Manchester.

NORTH EASTERN BRANCH. Northumberland, Durham, *Office:* Commercial Union Buildings, 47, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

NORTH YORKSHIRE BRANCH. *Office:* 8 and 9, Pearl Buildings, East Parade, Leeds.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE BRANCH. *Office:* Bank Court Chambers, Bank Street, Sheffield.

LIVERPOOL BRANCH. Lancashire (part), Cheshire (part) Anglesey, Carnarvonshire, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Merionethshire, Montgomeryshire, Isle of Man, *Office:* May Buildings, 51, North John Street, Liverpool.

EAST MIDLAND BRANCH. Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Rutlandshire, Northamptonshire, Huntingdonshire. *Office:* Lloyd's Bank Chambers, High Street, Leicester.

MIDLAND BRANCH. Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Herefordshire. *Office:* 117, Colmore Row, Birmingham.

SOUTH WALES BRANCH. Cardiganshire, Brecknockshire, Radnorshire, Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire, Glamorganshire, Monmouthshire. *Office:* 53, Charles Street, Cardiff.

HOME COUNTIES BRANCH. Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Hertfordshire, Middlesex (part) *Office:* 38, Queen Street, Oxford.

EASTERN BRANCH. Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Essex. *Office:* 22, King's Parade, Cambridge.

SOUTH WESTERN BRANCH. Somersetshire, Devonshire, Cornwall. *Office:* 43, Southernhay West, Exeter.

WESTERN BRANCH. Gloucestershire, (including Bristol), Wiltshire; also City of Bath. *Office:* Oxford House, 79, Park Street, Bristol.

SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH. Kent, Surrey, Sussex, *Office* :
1, Pavilion Buildings, Brighton.

SOUTHERN BRANCH, Hampshire, Dorsetshire, Isle of
Wight. *Office*: 21, Portland Street, Southampton.

METROPOLITAN BRANCH. 20 Mile radius of Charing
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London, W.1.

This Institute (formerly known as the British and Foreign Blind Association) was founded in 1868 by the late Dr. T. R. Armitage for the purpose of promoting the education and employment of the Blind. It has been the chief instrument in popularizing the Braille system of reading and writing and the Braille music notation, and is the principal publishing house in the Empire of books in these systems.

On the death of Miss Moon and the appointment of new Trustees, the Moon Society passed under the management of the National Institute for the Blind. The Moon system is recognised as extremely useful for those who lose their sight late in life.

In addition to publishing a useful variety of Books in Braille and Moon type the Institute publishes ten magazines and newspapers in Braille and one magazine in Moon type.

The Institute investigates any question connected with the well-being of the individual and collective Blind, and gives advice to the Blind and to those interested in their welfare. The supreme policy of the Institute is to raise the Blind above the level of indigence by promoting their training and education, and thus fitting them to become useful, self-supporting members of the community.

The Moon Society.

(Branch of the National Institute for the Blind).

FOR EMBOSSED BOOKS, IN DR. MOON'S TYPE FOR THE
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104, Queen's Road, Brighton.

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addressed): 224-228, Great Portland Street, London, W.

MR. HENRY STAINSBY, *Secretary*.

This Society was instituted in June, 1847, by the late Dr. Moon, to whom the Blind are deeply indebted for the well-known type bearing his name. The property, together with the buildings, the machinery for stereotyping, embossing, &c., is held by Trustees for the benefit of the Blind in perpetuity.

This type has been adapted to a very large number of languages and dialects.

In addition to the Bible, and many separate Chapters and Psalms, the publications now comprise 1252 volumes in English, and 350 foreign books. More than 116,000 electrotyped and stereotyped plates have been prepared, are preserved for the future use of the Society, and are daily being added to.

Classes for the Blind in London.

PENTONVILLE CLASSES FOR THE BLIND.—At Claremont Central Mission, Pentonville, N. Superintendent, the Rev. F. W. NEWLAND.

- (a) For Basketwork for men and women who meet 5-6.30 p.m. every Friday. This Class was started about twelve years ago and has an attendance of 6 or 7.
- (b) For teaching Bootmending (men only.) They meet every Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This Class was started in 1914 and two or three men are under instruction.

WALTHAMSTOW COMMITTEE FOR THE WELFARE OF THE BLIND, Walthamstow. Founded 1903. Meetings are held every Thursday from 1.30 to 4.30 p.m. There are 62 members, men and women. Fancy basket work, knitting, reading, writing, mat-making, brush-making and willow basket work are taught. Hon. Sec., Miss Culling, 259, High Street, Leyton.

THE HEPBURN STAREY BLIND AID SOCIETY.

Instituted in 1864; Hon. Sec., MRS. HEPBURN STAREY, 51, Belsize Avenue, N.W. The meetings of this Society are

held every Thursday, at 7 p.m., at Topladly Hall, Whitefield's Tabernacle, Tottenham Court Road, W. The members are at present limited to 400. The objects of the Society are to influence the Blind for good, to provide a weekly entertainment and summer excursions, to grant monetary help (*vide page 51*), to provide medical advice and medicine free of cost, to send the sick to the seaside or country, and otherwise to assist the needy and deserving. Ladies visit the homes of the members weekly.

SOUTH LONDON ASSOCIATION FOR ASSISTING THE BLIND.

Established 1863. Incorporated 1911.

Mrs. A. M. HAMILTON, Sec., 8, Red Lion Square, W.C.I.
Classes for men and women are held as under:—

1. ST. PAUL'S MISSION HALL, Manor Place, Walworth Road, every Wednesday evening. Education and Work classes from 6—7.30 p.m.; Recreation classes from 7.30—9 p.m. There are 169 blind members. Pensions (*vide page 50*) are granted to the most needy of the members.

The Indigent Blind Visiting Society.

8, Red Lion Square, W.C. This Society was founded in 1834 by the Seventh Earl of Shaftesbury. Its objects are to visit, relieve, and educate the blind poor of the Metropolis. Fourteen classes are held weekly for elementary education, and are attended by 733 blind adult persons. The classes are as follows:—

THE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, Stratford, E.15 (near Maryland Point Station,) Wednesdays, 2.30 to 4. p.m.

LECTURE HALL, Harley Street, Bow, E. Men—Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 a.m to 12. noon; Women—Tuesdays, from 2 to 4. p.m.

GARDEN STREET, Stepney, E. Women's Work Meeting—Thursdays, 2 to 4 p.m.

ST. STEPHEN'S SCHOOLROOMS, River Street, Canonbury, N. Men—Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon; Women—Wednesdays, from 2 to 4 p.m.

LECTURE HALL, Surrey Chapel, S.E. Men—Tuesdays, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon; Women—Tuesdays, from 2 to 4 p.m.

LECTURE HALL, 12A, John Street, Theobald's Road, W.C. Men—Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon; Women—Tuesdays, from 2 to 4 p.m.

KENSINGTON HALL, 188, Kensington Park Road, W. Fridays, 6.30 to 8 p.m.

The College of Teachers of the Blind.

This College was established at a meeting convened by the Council of the British and Foreign Blind Association, now the National Institute for the Blind, held on July 5th, 1907, when Dr. Eichholz, H.M. Inspector of Special Schools, who originated the idea of the formation of the College, was present.

The objects of the College, as stated in the Foundation Deed, are *inter alia* "to raise the status of the Teachers of the Blind by forming them into a College with a recognised position as specialists in the work of education," and "to give Teachers of the Blind the opportunity of submitting their qualifications to the scrutiny and judgment of an accredited body for the purpose of examination, so that upon proof of fitness they may receive Certificates of Competency, and with that object to hold all necessary examinations and to grant such Certificates and Diplomas as can lawfully be granted." The first examination was held in July, 1908, and examinations have been held each year subsequently.

The College is recognised by the Board of Education. All Certificates issued to Teachers bear the Seal of the College.

A library has been formed, consisting of works dealing with the Blind, for loan to Teachers preparing for the examination, and to Members of the Council. Fellowships are granted in certain cases "to those who have done distinguished service in the Education of the Blind, provided that their experience extends over a continuous period of not less than ten years." All communications in connection with the College should be addressed to the Hon. Registrar, c/o The National Institute for the Blind, 224-228, Great Portland Street, London, W.

The Counties' Associations for the Blind.

These Associations which cover the whole of England and Wales, have been formed to promote the general welfare of the Blind, to enlist fresh sympathy and interest on their behalf, and to befriend them in every possible way, so that no blind person shall be left uncared for.

The following are the chief objects of the Associations:—

- (a) To compile a register of the Blind.
- (b) To promote such intercourse amongst existing Agencies and Individuals interested in the welfare of the Blind as may lead to the organisation, co-ordination and extension of work on their behalf.
- (c) To stimulate the prevention of blindness by free distribution of leaflets, etc.
- (d) To form Societies in districts where none exist.
- (e) To encourage the after-care of pupils leaving Institutions.
- (f) To promote employment.
- (g) To visit and care for the sick, aged and helpless, at their homes or elsewhere.

THE NORTHERN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION for the Blind, founded in 1906, was the first to be formed, and consists of the following counties:—Cumberland, Durham, Lancashire, Northumberland, Westmoreland and Yorkshire. Hon. Secretary, Miss I. M. Heywood, Claremont, Manchester. Secretary, Miss Winifred Bramhall, Midland Bank Chambers, 147, Chester Road, Manchester.

THE METROPOLITAN AND ADJACENT COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. Berks, Essex, Hants, Hertford, Kent, London, Middlesex, Surrey and Sussex. Secretaries, Miss D. L. Jones and Miss Winter, Denison House, Rooms 63-64, 296, Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, S.W.1

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION:—Buckingham, Derby, Hereford, Leicester, Northampton, Nottingham, Oxford, Rutland, Stafford, Warwick and Worcester. Hon. Organising Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Thurman, 82, Carless Avenue, Harborne, Birmingham.

THE NORTH WESTERN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION:—North Wales, Cheshire and Shropshire. Secretary, Miss Margaret Comber, 9, Abbey Street, Chester.

THE SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTIES ASSOCIATION:—South Wales, and Monmouth. Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Hall, Grosvenor House, Swansea.

THE WESTERN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION:—Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucester, Somerset and Wilts. Hon. Organising Secretary, Miss King, Seymour, Knowles Hill, Newton Abbot, S. Devon.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION:—Bedford, Cambridge and the Isle of Ely, Huntingdon, Lincoln, Norfolk and Suffolk. Organising Secretary, Miss M. C. Tenney, 19, St. Giles Avenue, Lincoln.

THE UNION OF COUNTIES' ASSOCIATIONS, consisting of elected representatives from each Union, meets annually in order to promote unity of action and to discuss difficulties.

The following Societies, not otherwise mentioned, are connected with the COUNTIES' ASSOCIATIONS for the Blind.

Northern Counties' Association for the Blind

NORTHUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.	Secretaries. Mr. W. Robertson, Royal Victoria School, Benwell Dene. N.U.T.
DURHAM ASSOCIATION.	Mr. W. F. Ingham, Royal Institution for the Blind, Villiers Street, Sunderland. (<i>pro tem.</i>)

WESTMORELAND AND CUMBER-
LAND ASSOCIATION.

N.W. LANCASHIRE ASSOCI-
ATION.

N.E. LANCASHIRE ASSOCI-
ATION.

S.W. LANCASHIRE ASSOCI-
ATION.

CENTRAL LANCASHIRE ASSOCI-
ATION.

N.W. YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

N.E. YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

N.R. YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

E.R. YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCI-
ATION.

SOUTH DURHAM ASSOCIATION.

Mr. W. H. Hill, Institution
for the Blind, 22, Lonsdale
Street, Carlisle.

Lt. Col. Jolly, M.B.E., V.D.,
J.P., Harris Orphanage,
Fulwood, Preston.

Mr. C. A. Coward, Work-
shops for the Blind, Marsden
Road, Bolton.

Mr. S. E. Stevens, School
for the Blind, Hardman
Street, Liverpool.

Miss C. M. Bellhouse,
Library for the Blind, 5, St.
John's Street, Manchester.

Mr. W. H. Tate, J.P., 24,
Hanover Square, Bradford.

Miss A. Ridley, 9, Spring
Grove, Harrogate.

Rev. C. F. Hardy, The
King's Manor House, York.

Mr. W. G. Burstall, West
Garth, Driffield.

Mr. T. H. Williamson,
Institution for the Blind,
59, West Street, Sheffield.

Mr. J. J. Burton, Rosecroft
Nunthorpe, Middlesborough.

Metropolitan and Adjacent Counties' Association for the Blind.

Secretaries.

BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Mrs. Montague Brown, 2
Kentons, Reading.

BLIND SOCIAL AID & LITERARY
UNION.

Mr. Herbert Royston, 5,
Minories, London, E.C.

BOURNEMOUTH AND DISTRICT
BLIND AID SOCIETY.

Mr. W. F. Lattery, Linden
House, Hawkwood Road,
Boscombe, Bournemouth.

BRIGHTON, HOVE AND DISTRICT
BLIND RELIEF AND VISITING
SOCIETY.

EASTBOURNE, (County Borough)

HASTINGS (County Borough)

HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ISLE OF WIGHT ASSOCIATION.
including the Shanklin Branch
Society,

KENT ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

PORTSMOUTH BROTHERHOOD
BLIND CLUB.

PORTSMOUTH CHARITY ORGAN-
ISATION SOCIETY. (Sub-Com-
mittee on the Welfare of the Blind)

READING BLIND AID SOCIETY.

SOUTHAMPTON ASSOCIATION.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SUSSEX EAST ASSOCIATION.

SUSSEX WEST ASSOCIATION.

Miss Munro Ritchie,
1, Pavilion Buildings,
Brighton.

Dr. W. G. Willoughby, M.D.,
M.R.C.S., etc., Medical
Officer of Health, Town
Hall, Eastbourne

Miss Isham, 96, Marina,
St. Leonards-on-Sea.

Miss Stevenson, The Castle,
Winchester.

Mrs. Emery, Wormley Lodge,
Broxbourne.

Miss N. Byng, Wydford,
Ryde.

T. Butt, Esq., Braeholm,
Arthur's Hill, Shanklin.

Rev. R. Wall, Bobbing
Vicarage, Sittingbourne.

Lady O'Dwyer, 26, Brechin
Place, S.W.7.

Lt. Charles Longman, R.N.
Neitherleigh, Orchard Rd.,
Southsea.

Miss Blunt, 12, Pembroke
Road, Portsmouth.

Mr. Hugh E. Walfold,
Pattingham, London Road,
Reading.

Mr. Lyster C. Holt, 24,
High Street, Southampton.

Miss MacAndrew, Juniper
Hall, Dorking.

Lady Rachael Egerton,
Broomham, Catsfield.

Mrs. Smedley, M.B., B.Sc.,
L.S.A., Strafford House,
Downview Road, West
Worthing.

CROYDON, SOUTHEND, WEST HAM, EAST HAM AND ESSEX.
These districts are not yet organised. All applications should
be made to Miss Winter, Denison House, 296, Vauxhall Bridge
Road, S.W.

Midland Counties' Association for the Blind.

Secretaries.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION	Mrs. Knapp, Linford Hall, Wolverton.
BURTON-ON-TRENT COMMITTEE.	Mr. L. Burgess, Education Office.
DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.	Mr. F. C. Arkwright, Willersley, Matlock.
HEREFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.	Miss Ford, Marden House, Hereford.
LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND ASSOCIATION.	Miss E. Knowles, Gables, Heather, Leicester.
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCI- ATION.	Miss E. Eggington, 1, King Edward Road, Northampton.
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCI- ATION.	Mr. W. H. Bennett, Royal Institution for the Blind, Nottingham.
OXFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.	Miss B. Urmson, 23, Leck- ford Road, Oxford.
PETERBOROUGH COMMITTEE	Miss Ball, 170, Park Road.
STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.	Mrs. E. M. South, Rowley Park, Stafford.
WARWICKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.	Rev. F. H. Hodgson, Clopton, Stratford-on-Avon. Mrs. J. Heber Percy, Guys' Cliff, Warwick.
WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.	Mrs. de la Hey, The Vicarage, Bromsgrove.

North Western Counties' Association.

For Societies connected with this Association see under Home Teaching Societies, page 71.

South Wales and Monmouthshire Counties' Association. for the Blind.

Secretaries.

BRECONSHIRE & RADNORSHIRE
ASSOCIATION.

Rev. A. E. EVANS. Garth-
breny Vicarage, Brecon.

CARDIFF GUILD OF SOCIAL
WORKERS.

Mrs. W. Parry Morgan,
39, The Parade.

CARDIGANSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Miss Cresswell, The School
House, North Road,
Aberystwyth.

CARMARTHENSHIRE ASSOCI-
ATION.

Miss Brigstocke, 10, Spilman
Street, Carmarthen.

PEMBROKESHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Miss Beach Thomas, Mill-
brook, Clarbeston Road,
Pembrokeshire.

RHONDDA INSTITUTION.

Councillor T. R. Davies,
160, Kenry Street, Tony-
pandy.

Western Counties' Association for the Blind,

Secretaries.

CORNWALL WITH PLYMOUTH
COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Mrs. Cuthbert Williams,
Trevaes, St. Stythians, Per-
ranwell, R.S.O.

DEVON AND EXETER COUNTY
ASSOCIATION.

Miss B. M. Froude, Bern-
stein, Newton Abbot.

DORSET COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Mrs. Montgomery Hawkins,
South Walks House,
Dorchester.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY
ASSOCIATION.

Miss D. Clarke, Cherington
Rectory, Avening, Gloucester

NEWTON ABBOT CARE OF THE
BLIND SOCIETY.

Miss C. Parsons, Fursdon,
Newton Abbot.

SOMERSET COUNTY ASSOCI-
ATION.

pro. tem. Miss King, Seymour
Knowles Hill, Newton Abbot

SWINDON CARE OF THE BLIND SOCIETY.

WILTSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

YEovil CARE OF THE BLIND SOCIETY.

Mr. J. W. Harper, 67, Eastcote Hill, Swindon.

Mr. C. H. Corbett, County Offices, Trowbridge.

Miss J. Woolcott, 2, West Park, Yeovil.

Eastern Counties' Association for the Blind.

Secretaries.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

J. P. Kirkman, Esq., M.A.,
64, Kimbolton Rd., Bedford

BEDFORD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

Miss Hipwell, 27, Embankment, Bedford,

BOSTON & HOLLAND SOCIETY.

Mr. A. K. Turner, 10, Sleaford Road, Boston.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE SOCIETY.

Mrs. Stace, Heathfield, Parkside, Cambridge.

EAST SUFFOLK SOCIETY.

Miss Cunninghame, Haske-ton Rise, Woodbridge.

GRIMSBY SOCIETY.

Mrs. K. H. Letten, Hazel-
mere, Grimsby.

HUNTINGDONSHIRE SOCIETY

Mrs. Carter, Bank House,
Huntingdon.

IPSWICH SOCIETY.

pro. tem. L. W. Greenhalgh,
Esq., 19, Tower St., Ipswich.

KESTEVEN SOCIETY.

Mrs. Cyril Greenall, Carlton
Scoop Manor, Grantham.

LINDSEY SOCIETY.

Rev. C. E. Bolam, 1a, Bail-
gate, Lincoln,

LINCOLN ASSOCIATION.

Rev. C. E. Bolam, 1a, Bail-
gate, Lincoln.

LUTON & DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

Miss E. A. Hockin, 27, Well-
ington Street, Luton.

MID. BEDS. SOCIETY.

Miss M. Osborne, The Firs,
Amphill, Beds.

A Society will shortly be formed to cover the administrative County of the Isle of Ely.

Home Teaching Societies for the Blind.

The Home Teaching Society for the Blind, 224-8, Great Portland Street, W.1., (founded in 1855) branch of the National Institute for the Blind, maintains 40 blind Teachers and Colporteurs, whom it sends to more than 5,000 Blind in their own homes, and in the Workhouses in the Counties of London, Middlesex, Essex, Herts, Berks, Surrey, Kent, Sussex and Hants, for the purpose of giving instruction in the art of reading by touch, of lending books and magazines embossed in Moon and in Braille types, and teaching suitable home occupations. Instruction and books are supplied entirely free from any charge.

The following is a list of places where there are similar Home Teaching Societies for seeking out and visiting the Blind in their own homes, most of which assist the Blind very materially in many ways besides teaching them to read and supplying them with books. The names and addresses of the Honorary Secretaries are given, and also the dates when the Societies commenced work.

ACCRINGTON, 1875, Mrs. F. S. Wood, 32, Bank Street.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, 1883, Mr. W. A. Shelton, 7, Cobden Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT, 1869, Miss E. Elmhirst, Darley Hall, Barnsley, and Mr. W. Brown, 7, Bond Road, Barnsley.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, Mr. J. R. Little, 2, West View Road.

BATH, 1909, Miss A. Shickle, 9, Cavendish Crescent, Bath.

BIRMINGHAM, 1858, The Secretary, Royal Institution for the Blind, Edgbaston.

BLACKBURN and DARWEN, 1881, Mrs. R. S. Halliwell, Dunkeld, Whitehall Road, Blackburn.

BRADFORD, 1861, The Secretary, Royal Institution for the Blind.

BRIGHTON, 1862, c/o, 104, Queen's Road.

BRIDGWATER 1918, Miss Whitford, 25, North Street, Bridgwater.

BRISTOL, 1857, The Secretary, Royal Workshops for the Blind, Park Street.

- BURNLEY, 1882, Mrs. R. S. Heap, Meadow Bank, Lightenhill, Burnley.
- CARLISLE and CUMBERLAND, 1856, Mr. W. H. Hill, 22, Lonsdale Street, Carlisle
- CHELTENHAM, 1858, Miss Whateley, Wyddrington House, Cheltenham.
- CHESTER, 1875, Mr. C. W. Rogers, 39, Nicholas Street.
- COLCHESTER, 1876, Miss Hawkins, 87, East Hill, Colchester.
- COLNE, 1903, Miss Spivey, The Grove, Colne.
- CORNWALL, 1857, Mrs. Cuthbert Williams, Trevales, St. Stythians, Perranwell, R.S.O.
- COVENTRY, 1878, Mrs. Staner, Thanet House, St. Patrick's Road, Coventry.
- DARLINGTON, Lady Putnam, Greylands.
- DONCASTER, 1864, Mrs. J. F. Clark, Briarcliffe, Doncaster.
- EXETER, 1903, Mr. Cutcliffe Knill, Bedford Circus.
- HALIFAX, 1888, Mr. H. Whitley, Barum House, Harrison Road, Halifax.
- HUDDERSFIELD, 1856, Mrs. W. E. Wimpenny, Cote Road, Huddersfield.
- HULL, 1864, Mr. W. G. Burstall, Beech Holme, Beverley Road, Hull.
- ISLE OF WIGHT, Miss N. Byng, Wydford, Ryde.
- KEIGHLEY, 1907, Miss Edith Ogden, Steeton.
- LEEDS, 1868, The Superintendent and Secretary, Institution for the Blind, Albion Street.
- LEICESTER, Secretary and Manager, 50, Granby Street.
- LIVERPOOL, 1858, Mrs. James Graham, Greenhill, Allerton, Liverpool.
- LONDON, 1855, Mr. F. Ingle Stainsby, 224-228, Great Portland Street, W. 1.
- MACCLESFIELD, 1875, Miss Ada Smale, Thornley, Ryles Park.
- NEWCASTLE and GATESHEAD, 1867, Miss K. Stephenson, Midhurst, Benton, Newcastle.
- NEWPORT, MON., 1865, Mr. E. C. Kinsey-Morgan, 22, Bridge Street.
- NORTH DEVON, 1910, Rev. T. Barnard, M.A., Roborough Rectory, Beaford, N. Devon,
- NORTHERN COUNTIES BLIND SOCIETY, 1873, Mr. von Niederhausern, 4, 5, and 6, Howard Street, North Shields.

- NORTH WALES, 1882, Rev. Minor Canon R. C. Jones, 54, College Road, Bangor.
- NORTH-WESTERN COUNTIES, 1909, Miss Margaret Comber, 9, Abbey Street, Chester.
- OLDHAM, 1878, Miss Maw, Holmleigh, Werneth, Oldham.
- OXFORD, 1877, Miss M. C. Lock, 7, Blackhall Road, Oxford.
- OXFORDSHIRE, 1904, Miss B. Urmson, 23, Leckford Road, Oxford.
- PONTEFRAC T AND UPPER OSGOLDCROSS DIVISION, 1910, RIPPON, 1912, Miss Barker, College Road, Ripon.
- ROCHDALE, 1872, Mr. G. L. Collins, c/o. Messrs. Jackson & Co., Lower Gates, Rochdale.
- ROSSENDALE, 1890, Mrs. G. Shepherd, Holmes Villa, Bacup.
- ST. HELENS, Rev. T. W. Bond, 73, King Edward Road, St. Helens.
- SCARBOROUGH, 1909, Mr. S. G. Foster, 13, Elders Street.
- SHEFFIELD, 1860, Mr. Edward Charles Bedells, Royal Sheffield Institution for the Blind.
- SHROPSHIRE, 1907, Mrs. Glynn Pigott, Belmont House, Shrewsbury.
- STOCKPORT, 1867, Secretary, Institution for the Blind, St. Peter's Gate.
- SWANSEA and SOUTH WALES, 1864, Mr. J. Hall, Grosvenor House, Swansea.
- TAUNTON, 1896, Miss M. G. Badcock, Broadlands.
- TODMORDEN, Mrs. J. S. Pilling, 4, Byrom Street, Todmorden.
- TORQUAY AND TOTNES DIVISION, Mrs. Ethel L. Haslam, Stamford House, Kents Road, Torquay.
- WAKEFIELD AND DISTRICT, 1869, Miss E. E. Fennell, 21, St. John's Square Wakefield.
- WALSALL, WEDNESBURY AND DISTRICT, 1905, Mrs. S. Nicklin, 67, Lichfield St., Walsall, and Mrs. J. G. Thursfield, Hall Green, Wednesbury.
- WEST HARTLEPOOL, Rev. W. J. Knowlden, St. Aiden's Vicarage.
- WESTON-S-MARE, 1920, Mr. W. Marks, 4, Ellenborough Crescent, Weston-Super-Mare.
- YARMOUTH, GREAT. 1876, Mrs. H. M. Fellows, 76, Southtown, Great Yarmouth.
- YEOVIL. 1914, Miss Woolcott, 2, West Park, Yeovil.

Libraries for the Blind.

Nearly all the Institutions and Societies for the Blind, and also many Public Libraries for the sighted, have books printed in types used by the Blind. The Public Library at Oxford has many volumes of classical and standard works for the use of University students. The following special circulating libraries may be mentioned separately.

1. NATIONAL LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND, 18, Tufton Street, Westminster, S.W. 1. Secretary, Miss O. I. Prince. Founded 1882 by Miss Howden and Miss Arnold, Incorporated 1898. Northern Branch, 5, St. Johns Street, Deansgate, Manchester. Secretary, Miss Bellhouse.

The Library, which is free to blind readers throughout the Kingdom, contains 70,000 volumes in Braille and Moon types (comprising 8,000 separate works) and 12,000 volumes of music (comprising 4,847 separate works). Books are forwarded to all parts of the kingdom, to the colonies and to many foreign countries, the cost of carriage being met by the reader.

The Library is continually growing, about 500 complete works, representing every class of literature, being added yearly to stock, mainly by the efforts of 500 voluntary workers who are carefully trained to write correct Braille. Copies of all stereotyped books are also presented by the Printing Houses.

Dow Blind Writers' Fund. Books are further obtained by paying blind men and women to duplicate hand-written books (average cost per volume 30/-) 51 blind copyists being now employed in this work, which is congenial and interesting and is done at home.

Arnold Carriage Fund. Assistance is given from this Fund where the inability of the reader or his friends to meet the cost of carriage (1d. per volume) is proved.

The Library has approximately 8,000 members, and a circulation of 119,045 volumes per annum. 93 Societies and Institutions, and 117 Public Libraries are supplied with regular consignments of books on loan for local distribution.

2. THE INDIGENT BLIND VISITING SOCIETY established free libraries in 1884. There are now libraries at Lecture Hall, Harley Street, Bow, E.; Lecture Hall, Surrey Chapel, Blackfriars Road, S.E.; The Grove Baptist Church, Stratford E.; Lecture Hall, John Street, Theobald's Road, W.C. and St. Stephen's Schoolrooms, River Street, Canonbury.
3. NORTHERN COUNTIES BLIND SOCIETY, 4, 5 and 6, Howard Street, North Shields, founded 1873. Superintendent, Mr. von Niederhausern. There is a library in connection with this Society and books are lent. Books and a magazine (*Dawn*) are printed in Moon type.
4. OXFORD Braille Library, open to all blind persons who are, or who have been, students of a University, or other kindred institution (address Public Librarian, Municipal Buildings, Oxford), but such persons are expected to join "The Fawcett Club," which is a blind students' association (sec. C. M. Rogerson, Esq., Brasenose College, Oxford).

Magazines for the Blind.

Several Magazines are now published in Braille type, and two in Moon. The particulars of those brought under notice are as follows:—

- The Beacon* (in letterpress) started in 1917. A monthly magazine devoted to the interests of the Blind. Price 3d. post free. Annual Subscription, Inland and Abroad, 3/- post free. Published on the 1st of the month by the National Institute for the Blind, 224-228 Great Portland Street, London, W.1.
- The Blind Record*, started December, 1914. Ordinary type. Edited by the Rev. H. G. Rosedale, D.D., 102, Dean Street, W. and published in March, June, September and

December of each year, in the general interests of the Blind and especially of the London Association for the Blind. Price 6d. per year, post free, for the four numbers.

Braille Literary Journal, started in 1911. A monthly periodical in interpointed Braille, containing original contributions and articles selected from high-class magazines, newspapers, etc. Price 11½d. post free. Annual Subscription, Inland and Abroad, 11s. 6d. post free. Published on the 10th of the month by the National Institute for the Blind, 224-228, Great Portland Street, London, W. 1.

The Braille Mail in Braille type was first published on December 1st, 1906, and is issued weekly every Saturday. Price 1d. per copy. Annual Subscription, Inland and Abroad, 6s. 6d. post free. Published by the National Institute for the Blind, 224-228, Great Portland Street, London, W. 1.

Braille Musical Magazine, started 1910. Price 8d. post free. Annual Subscription, Inland and Abroad, 8s. post free. Published in interpointed Braille, on the 20th of the month, by The National Institute for the Blind, 224-228, Great Portland Street, London, W. 1.

The Braille Packet, started December, 1904. Stereotyped in Revised Braille type (interpointed). Published on the 20th of each month, sent free of charge to a limited number of poor readers. Annual subscription for a private copy 7s. 6d., or to join a circle, 4s. 6d. Foreign subscription, 11s. 6d. It contains articles on politics, literature, science, music, travel and subjects of permanent interest. Particulars can be obtained from Miss Z. Ethel Grimwood, 60, Wilbury Road, Hove, Sussex.

Channels of Blessing, started January, 1893. A bi-monthly magazine in Braille type dealing with religious subjects. Undenominational. Free, but contributions towards the cost of publication are invited. Published on the 20th by the National Institute for the Blind, 224-228 Great Portland Street, London, W. 1.

The Church Messenger, started February, 1896. Revised Braille type. Published monthly. Editor, Miss Causton, Society For Promoting Christian Knowledge, London, W.C.2. Price 12s. per annum, post free. Embossed by the Royal Blind Asylum and School, Craigmillar Park, Edinburgh.

Comrades, started 1910. A magazine in interlined Braille for boys and girls. Price 3½d. post free. Annual Subscription, Inland and Abroad, 3s. 6d. post free. Published on the 5th of the month by the National Institute for the Blind, 224-228, Great Portland Street, London, W. 1.

The Craigmillar Harp, started January, 1895. Braille type (interlined). Published quarterly at the Royal Blind Asylum and School, Craigmillar Park, Edinburgh. Price 3s. a year, post free. A magazine specially for the musical Blind. A printed price list with details of all the pieces published up to date, is supplied free on application to the editor. Back numbers are sold at 9d. each.

Dawn, started September, 1886. Moon type, with extra contractions, &c. Published quarterly by the Northern Counties Blind Society, at 4, 5 and 6, Howard Street, North Shields. Price (enlarged) 4s. 4d. a year, post free.

Excelsior, started March, 1905. A bi-monthly magazine, handwritten in Braille, for circulation amongst the readers in Forfarshire and Kincardineshire. Published in connection with the Mission to the Blind, Forfar.

Gospel Light in Heathen Darkness, started January, 1895. A magazine containing missionary information. Revised Braille type. Published quarterly by Mrs. C. E. Lamb, Vincent House, Kettering. Price 2s. a year, post free.

The Hampstead, started November, 1902. Revised Braille type. Published on the 15th of each month by The London Society for Teaching and Training the Blind, at the School for the Blind, Swiss Cottage, London, N.W. 3. Price 1s. each copy, by post, 1s. 1d.

Hora Jucunda, started January, 1893. Revised Braille type (interpointed.) Published every month at the Royal Blind Asylum and School, Craigmillar Park, Edinburgh. Price 12s. a year, post free.

Journal of the Association of Certificated Blind Masseurs, started in 1920. Official organ (in Braille type) of the Association, containing lectures, etc., on massage and kindred subjects. Published by the National Institute for the Blind, 224-228, Great Portland Street, London, W. 1.

The Light to the Blind, ordinary type, published quarterly by the Indian Association of Workers for the Blind, Mysore, in the interests of the Blind. Annual fee in United Kingdom Members 6s., supporters (minimum) 10s.

The Mission Field, started September, 1904. This is a magazine about Foreign Missions, published on the 1st of each month. Revised Braille (interpointed). Price 2d. per copy or 2s. per annum, post free. Published by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, 15, Tufton Street, Westminster, S.W.

Morning, started January, 1902. An Australian Braille Magazine of 60 pages. Published monthly at the Royal Institution for the Blind, Adelaide, South Australia. Price 12s. yearly, post free.

The "Moon" Monthly Magazine, started January, 1906. Printed in Moon type. Price 1/6½ post free. Annual Subscription, Inland and Abroad, 18s. 6d. post free. Published by the National Institute for the Blind, 224-228, Great Portland Street, London, W. 1.

Nuggets, started in 1918. Weekly magazine in Braille type, containing entertaining, interesting and informative matter. Price 4d. post free. Annual Subscription, Inland and Abroad, 8s. post free. Published every Saturday by the National Institute for the Blind, 224-228 Great Portland Street, London, W. 1.

Progress, started January, 1881, in interpointed Braille type, is published on the 1st of each month as a means of information for the Blind on subjects in which they are specially interested. It also contains articles of general interest. Annual subscription, Inland and Abroad, 6s., post free. Published by The National Institute for the Blind, 224-228, Great Portland Street, London, W. 1.

Quarterly Intercession Paper, started October, 1903. This is a quarterly paper of information and intercession on behalf of the Church's missionary work. Revised Braille (interpointed). Price 4s. 6d. per annum, post free. Issued on 1st of January, April, July, and October, and supplied by The Braille Secretary, S. P. G. House, 15, Tufton Street, S.W.

St. Dunstan's Review. A monthly record of work and sport. Ordinary type. Published at St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors, Regent's Park, London, N.W. 1., price 6d. (free to St Dunstan's men).

Santa Lucia, started March, 1889. Revised Braille type (interpointed). Published on the 7th of each month by Mrs. Harison and Miss Hodgkin, The Green, Dunster, Somerset, £1 a year, post free.

The School Magazine, started 1913. Monthly magazine in interpointed Braille. Containing interesting matter for class use. Price 6½d. per copy, post free. Annual Subscription, Inland and Abroad, 6s. 6d. post free. Published on the 15th of the month by The National Institute for the Blind, 224-228, Great Portland Street, London, W. 1.

Sunrays for the Blind. A quarterly "Braille" Magazine comprising short stories, interesting articles, pithy pars, etc. Price 10d. per copy or 3s. per annum, post free. Address:—Oakdale Publishing Co., 4, New London Street, E.C. 3.

The Teacher of the Blind, started January, 1913. Ordinary Type. Hon. Editor, Miss K. Cramp, Luccombe, Earlsdon Avenue, Coventry. This magazine is the organ of the Association of Teachers of the Blind, and is published quarterly. Price 4s. post free, per annum. It contains articles on educational subjects, discussion of topics affecting the education of the Blind, notes on current events, and communications from members.

The Weekly Summary for the Blind, started June, 1892. This is a newspaper in Revised Braille type, giving current news, with special regard to all matters concerning the Blind. Published every Wednesday by the Misses E. R. Scott & L. T. Bloxam, Eltham, S.E. Price 2d., or 8s. 8d. per annum, post free. Specimen copy free. Adverts. 1s. 3d. per line.

Sundry Societies for the Blind.

The following Societies, arranged alphabetically, can hardly be classified under any of the preceding headings, although much of the work is of a similar kind :—

AFTER-CARE OF PHYSICALLY DEFECTIVE CHILDREN (crippled, blind, and deaf), 2/4 Old Queen Street, Westminster S.W., *Sec.*, Miss Thomas. The object of this Association is to provide suitable wage-earning employment for blind, deaf, and physically defective children within the County of London in order that as large a proportion as possible may ultimately become self-supporting and be prevented from becoming paupers.

ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF THE BLIND was founded towards the end of 1912, and has for its aims (*a*) to quicken interest, stimulate thought, and encourage research in education, and so benefit the education of the Blind; (*b*) to foster a feeling of comradeship among Teachers of the Blind; (*c*) to afford facilities for the interchange of opinion; and (*d*) to promote united action among Teachers of the Blind in matters affecting their pro-

fessional welfare. The *Hon. Sec.* is Mr. A. R. Bannister, School for the Blind, Swansea, to whom all communications should be addressed. The annual subscription, including a copy of the Association quarterly Magazine, is 4s. 6d.

AUSTRALIA. Royal Institution for the Blind, Poole Street, North Adelaide, founded 1884. Number of blind persons employed in September, 1921, 78. Trades practised: braille printing, brushmaking, basket-making, mat-making, bedding, chair-caning, pianoforte tuning, hair curling, typewriting. Learners are placed on a weekly wage of not less than 10s. per week, in addition to Invalid Pension, and after three years, if efficient, are placed on piece work rates, plus bonus. The Institution gives approximately 50 pensions of 15s. per week.

BLIND SOCIAL AID SOCIETY AND LITERARY UNION, founded 1909. *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. Herbert Royston, 48, Hungerford Road, London, N. 7. Has for its objects:—The promotion of the employment and the social welfare of the blind and partially-blind, (a) By making public their capabilities and needs; (b) By encouraging their social intercourse. The members, who pay 5s. a year, are self-supporting blind and partially-blind men, numbering over 30. Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays in each month, August excepted, at 12, Buckingham Street, Strand (Ground Floor). General Business at 7.30. Lectures, Debates, etc., at 8 p.m.

BLIND STOCKING GUILD, founded 1905. This Guild was started by Miss A. Varty Smith, Nandana, Penrith, Cumberland. The Blind knit at their own homes stockings, for which they are paid. The Guild is worked in connection with the Orphanage, Aberlour, Strathspey, N.B., and provides stockings for the children.

BLIND TEA AGENCY, Ltd. Established 1891. 38-41 Fair Street, Tooley Street, S.E. 1. The Agency is open to appoint suitable blind or partially-blind persons of either sex as agents for the sale of "Braille" tea, coffee, cocoa, chocolates, confectionery and sundry and other goods. Appointed agents need neither capital nor license. Price lists, showcards, business-getting letters, and other advertising matter provided free. Applications should be addressed to the Manager at the above address.

BLIND SELF AID TEA COMPANY, for the Employment of the Blind, 5, Minories, London, E.C. *Manager*, Mr. J. A. M. Ketamer, who is himself Blind. This firm appoints blind or partially-blind men and women as agents throughout the United Kingdom, for the sale of tea, coffee and cocoa. Applications should be accompanied by two names of responsible persons to whom the applicant is well known. Appointed agents can have 20-lbs. and upwards, of goods delivered, carriage paid, on credit. If payment is made within a week of delivery, special discount is allowed. Goods are packed by electric machinery in packets easily distinguishable by the Blind. Show cards and leaflets for advertising are supplied free. All information and particulars can be obtained from the Manager, as above. Correspondence can be in Braille or writing.

BRAILLE AND "SERVERS OF THE BLIND" LEAGUE, 3, Upper Woburn Place, London, W.C. 1. Area over which this organization works: Great Britain. Affiliated to the Metropolitan and Adjacent Counties Association, also the Northern Counties Association. Its objects are to provide a home for mentally deficient and backward blind children, to establish social clubs for the adult Blind also play centres for blind and partially blind children; to act as intermediary between necessitous cases and pension societies, to provide holidays, clothing etc., to teach and transcribe books into Braille.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY, 146, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C., provides Scriptures for the Blind in both Braille and Moon type—the latter being prepared by the National Institute for the Blind, and the former by the Society. In addition to the Scriptures in English, the Society has issued portions of the Scriptures for the Blind in 28 Foreign languages. The whole Bible is available in English in thirty-nine volumes, and each volume is sold at the nominal price of 1s. 6d. The Bible in Welsh is in preparation on the same lines. In both cases the Society is prepared to supply one volume a year free to any blind person who is too poor to purchase one, and who is recommended by some Minister of Religion. The Bibles in Foreign languages are mostly granted free to the Schools and Institutes for the Blind promoted by various Missionary Societies. In 1920 the Society issued 3,666 English and Welsh bound volumes in either Braille or Moon type.

CARDIFF GUILD OF SOCIAL WORKERS AMONGST THE BLIND, founded 1898. Amalgamated with the Cardiff Institution, for the Blind (Incorporated). *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. B. M. Parry Morgan, 39, The Parade, Cardiff. The meetings are held at 12, City Road. The chief work of the Guild consists in making and supplying clothing for the needy Blind, visiting them in their homes and in making such regular allowances of food, coal, etc., as are considered necessary for the aged and sick. There is a Blanket Loan Society in connection with the Guild.

CRANBOURNE MEMORIAL FUND, 4, Eaton Place, London, S.W., founded 1906, by a gift of £500 from Lord Eustace Cecil. The interest on the £500 is expended in assisting cases on the waiting list of the Society for Granting Annuities to the Poor Adult Blind (*vide* page 48). The selection of cases is made by the Trustees of the Fund.

DEPTFORD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY FOR THE WELFARE OF THE BLIND, founded 1891. This Society, which is now known as the Deptford Branch of the Indigent Blind Visiting Society, aims at improving the spiritual, social, and intellectual condition of the Blind in Deptford and District. The classes are attended by about 70 blind persons, and are held in Creek Street Mission Hall, on Fridays, for men, at 7 30 p.m., and for women, on Thursday at 3 p.m., at Napier Street Mission Hall.

DICKENS BIRTHPLACE FELLOWSHIP, founded 1903. *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. W. C. Harvey, "Trematon," The Thicket, Southsea. This Fellowship has for its objects: (1) To knit together in a common bond of friendship and sympathy all lovers of that great master of humour and pathos, Charles Dickens, (2). To assist in every possible way the cause of the afflicted children, "Tiny Tims" and the necessitous blind "Berthas." An outing with entertainment is given to all the blind Poor (about 150) in Portsmouth, and a tea with entertainment is given them indoors. A library for the Blind was founded by the Fellowship and is housed in the Dickens Museum.

EMBOSSSED SCIENTIFIC BOOKS FUND. *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. H. M. Taylor, F.R.S., Trinity College, Cambridge. This fund was founded in 1907 with the object of assisting in the publication in embossed type for the use of the Blind, of works of a scientific nature which were not obtainable, and of reducing the price at which the books were sold where such reduction seemed advisable. The fund is.

now established on a permanent basis, and its capital is invested in the name of the Royal Society, the Council of the Society having accepted the position of trustees of the fund. The fund is under the control of a board of five Managers; one being the Treasurer of the Royal Society, the remaining four being nominated by the Council of the Society. The first three books published were "Sound and Music," by Mr. Sedley Taylor; "A Primer of Astronomy," by Sir Robert Ball; and "An Introduction to Geology," by Dr. Marr. Some five and twenty scientific works have been published, and several others are in course of publication.

EMPLOYMENT ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEFECTIVE, West London.

There is a House of Help, 39, Lillie Road, West Brompton, London, S.W., founded 1908. *Hon. Sec.*, Miss Arnould, 9, Nevern Square, Earl's Court, S.W. This House is a dépôt for work done at home by the disabled over school age, etc., of the districts of Fulham, Kensington, Chelsea and Hammersmith. Lessons are also given occasionally in handicrafts to blind persons who are ineligible for Workshops for the Blind. The aim of the Association is to help and protect those who, being cripples or feeble-minded, need supervision or occupation.

GYDE CHARITY FOR BLIND AND DEAF AND DUMB CHILDREN,

founded 1894, to assist in the payment of school fees of children who must be Protestant and children of Protestant parents, and under the age of 18—the age in exceptional cases is extended to 21. Preference given to children connected with the Parish of Painswick, the Borough of Stroud, or the County of Gloucester. Forms of application may be obtained from Mr. J. R. Morton Ball, Clerk to the Trustees, George Street, Stroud, Gloucestershire. In March, 1921, five blind children were being assisted with grants, amounting to £326 in the aggregate.

LEICESTER. THE WYCLIFFE SOCIETY FOR HELPING THE BLIND,

founded 1893. *President and Hon. Organiser*, Mr. Edwin Crew, 44, Tennyson Street, Leicester. The Society seeks to benefit about 247 of the Blind in Leicester, and others in the County, in sickness, distress, training for employment, housing, and other practical ways. There are Cottage Homes (*vide* page 36) in connection with this Society. Central address: Victoria Hall, Mill Hill Lane.

LETTER-FRIEND SOCIETY. This was formerly the Branch for the Blind of the "Sunbeam Mission," but when, in 1920, all the other Branches of that Society were handed over to the management of the Church Army, an exception was made in the case of this one, and it is now being worked independently of any other organization, with only a change of name. Its object is to find friends who will write to the blind children of the poorer classes in Braille. There is no entrance fee, and all who join, only undertake to send by post a letter in Braille, once a month, enclosing a stamped wrapper for the child's reply. Those who are unable to correspond can help the blind children by copying stories for them in Braille, or by sending gifts to Miss B. Taylor, 39, Sylvan Road, Upper Norwood, London, S.E. 19. who can provide the name of a child correspondent.

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD BLIND AID SOCIETY, founded 1900. *Hon. Secs.*, Miss Isabel M. Heywood, Claremont, Pendleton, Manchester and Mr. C. T. Simpson, 1, Chancery Place, Manchester. The central rooms of the Society are in Artillery Street, Deansgate, Manchester. The Society employs blind persons in book-binding, Braille copying, and woolwork, and three Homes (*vide* page 36). There is also a Sick and Benefit Club, with 250 members, a Blind Glee Party, and District Visiting. Temporary relief is given.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR MASSAGE BY THE BLIND, (Branch of the National Institute for the Blind,) 224-228, Great Portland Street, London, W. 1, (Tel: Langham 2542). Includes a School of Massage, a Massage Library, a Secretarial Department, and an After-Care Section. Over 140 students have been trained and prepared for the recognised examinations for the profession, and all successfully qualified. Length of combined course: 18 months to 2 years.

OXFORD BLIND SOCIETY'S DEPÔT, founded 1913. 4, Little Clarendon Street, Oxford. This shop is for the sale of goods made by the Blind. Baskets, brooms, brushes, mats, knitted goods (socks, stockings, jerseys, etc.,) also chair caning and rushing. The Society has a scheme for home workers, and is affiliated to the Midland Counties Association, for the Blind.

PETERBOROUGH SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND, founded 1912. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. Dennett, Precincts, and Miss Ball, 170, Park Road, Peterboro'. This Society is the Midland Counties Association, for the Blind.

"SANTA LUCIA" BLIND RELIEF FUND. *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. Lancelot Harison, The Green, Dunster, Somerset. This Fund, founded by the editors and proprietors of the Magazine, *Santa Lucia*, grants a limited number of monthly pensions, provides small sums of money, clothing, coals, etc., when urgently needed, and also magazines, books, and newspapers in Braille type. The Fund also assists in paying for a short summer holiday for those who are earning their living in any form of employment, and to whom a short change and rest are essential. At Christmas, all persons on the books of the Fund receive a present of money amounting to about 10s. each, and constant communication is kept up with nearly all of them by letters in Braille type.

SOUTH LONDON INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, SOUTHWARK, founded 1870. *Hon. Sec.*, the Rev. St. Clare Hill, M.A. This is an Institute and relief society for the blind poor of both sexes in South London, and provides dormitory accommodation for young unmarried blind girls working at factories and workshops. The Institute with office was opened November 6th, 1907, at 82, Borough Road, S.E.

TICKET BUREAU FOR THE BLIND, Rooms 63 and 64, Denison House, 296, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W. 1. The object of this Bureau, which is worked under the direction of the Executive Council of the Metropolitan and Adjacent Counties Association for the Blind, is to obtain tickets for concerts, lectures, recitations and theatres, for distribution among blind people who are not able to afford to spend money on recreation. Tickets which are unsold, or for which the purchasers have no need, are solicited for distribution amongst blind persons, whose qualifications have been registered in a list. Tickets should be sent as many days in advance as possible to the Secretary at the office.

WORTHING SOCIETY FOR BEFRIENDING THE BLIND, founded 1910. *Hon. Sec.*, Miss McAnally, Mullaghbrack, 37, Shakespeare Road, Worthing. This Society is affiliated to the Metropolitan and Adjacent Counties Association (*vide* page 65), and assists the Blind in the town in various ways.

Postal Regulations.

During 1921 a revised and reduced rate of postage for packets containing embossed literature for the Blind came into force.

“Papers of any kind, periodicals and books impressed in Braille, or other special types for the use of the Blind, may be sent prepaid by post at the following rates :—

Inland Post.

Not exceeding 1 lb. in weight	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.
Exceeding 1 lb., but not exceeding 5 lbs.	..	..	1d.
„ 5 lbs., „ „ 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	..	..	2d.

Foreign and Colonial Post.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. per lb. up to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs., with a maximum of 3d.

To be entitled to transmission by this post, a packet must :

- (1) Consist only of articles specially impressed, as described above, for the use of the Blind, and may not contain any communication either in writing or printing in ordinary type, except the title and table and contents of the book or periodical, or any enclosure except a label for the return of the packet.
- (2) Bear on the outside the inscription “Literature for the Blind”, and the written or printed name of the sender.
- (3) Be posted either without a cover, or a cover open at both ends, which can easily be removed for the purpose of examination.
- (4) Not exceed 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -lbs. in weight, and 2-ft. by 1-ft. by 1-ft. in dimensions.

If any of these conditions be infringed, the packet will be treated as a parcel, and charged with deficient postage at the parcels post rate, together with an additional fee of 1d.

The use of printed labels, is recommended.

Appendix.

The following is a List of Institutions and Societies for the Blind in Scotland and Ireland, with the number of pupils, workmen, etc., in September, 1921. The figures in brackets give the years in which the Societies were respectively founded :—

Scotland.

(A).—Schools and Workshops.

ROYAL DUNDEE. Institution for the Blind (1865), Magdalen Green. (a) School and (b) Workshops. (a) 18 resident pupils, 7 day pupils—25 in all. Education fee, £20 board and maintenance £35 per annum; (b) 83 employed, viz., viz., 28 women, 55 men, and 11 learners.

EDINBURGH. Royal Blind Asylum and School (1793). (a) A School and Home for children and women at West Craigmillar; (b) a College for the Higher Education of the Blind, and (c) Workshops at 58, Nicolson Street. (a) 85 resident pupils and 45 women workers; (b) 30 students who live in Hostels; (c) 162 employed, viz., 10 women and 152 men.

GLASGOW. Royal Glasgow Asylum for the Blind (1804), 100. Castle Street. (a) School and (b) Workshops. (a) 58 resident pupils, maintenance £30 a year, and 5 free non-resident pupils; (b) 226 employed.

INVERNESS. Northern Counties Institute (1867). (a) School, Hill Terrace; and (b) Workshops, 81, Castle Street. (a) 9 resident pupils; and (b) 14 employed.

NORTHERN COUNTIES INSTITUTE (1867). (a) School, Hill Terrace, Inverness; and (b) Workshops, 81, Castle Street, Inverness. (a) 9 resident pupils; (b) 16 employed. £20 per annum is charged for pupils, which includes board maintenance and education.

PAISLEY and District Workshop (1904), 111, Causeyside Street, Workshops only. 11 employed, viz., 10 men and 1 woman in basket-making, bed-making and mat-making. Pupils are received for instruction.

(B).—Missions and Home Teaching Societies.

ABERDEEN TOWN AND COUNTY ASSOCIATION for teaching the Blind at their homes (1879). Registered 29th September, 1920, under Blind Persons' Act, 1920. 112, Crown Street. About 359 blind persons benefited.

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY MISSION TO THE OUTDOOR BLIND (1882), 123, Irish Street, Dumfries.

DUNDEE AND LOCHEE MISSION TO THE OUTDOOR BLIND (1879), 23, Castle Street.

EDINBURGH AND SOUTH-EAST OF SCOTLAND SOCIETY, for promoting reading among the Adult Blind at their own homes and for otherwise ameliorating their condition, (1857), 38, Howe Street, Edinburgh. There are 486 on the roll. The Jameson Pension Fund is part of this Society and administered by the same directors.

FIFE AND KINROSS SOCIETY for teaching the Blind at their own homes, (1865), 27, Kirk Wynd, Kirkcaldy. There are 173 on the roll.

FORFARSHIRE AND THE SOUTH HALF OF KINCARDINESHIRE MISSION (1869), Forfar. For teaching the Blind in their own homes and helping such as are able to work. There are 123 on the roll.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND MISSION TO THE OUTDOOR BLIND (1859), 201, Buchanan Street, Glasgow. There is a Superintendent and six visiting agents. There are 1821 on the roll, not connected with institutions or workshops. Home visitation and home teaching are carried on in seven counties. Free Lending Library of 6,000 volumes. Grants of money are given to suitable applicants to begin trading, and Pensions given to 80 aged and infirm blind persons. Reading clubs, social meetings and excursions are provided for the different districts. THE LADIES AUXILIARY has a shop and classroom at 197, Buchanan Street. 124 women are supplied with knitting and paid for their work, and necessitous cases receive small monthly allowances. The home for women is at 348, St. George's Road, and Cottage Holiday Home at Biggar.

NORTHERN COUNTIES INSTITUTE (1867). Outdoor Mission to the Blind in the six Northern Counties. 81, Castle Street, Inverness. There are 300 on the roll.

PERTH (CITY AND COUNTY) HOME TEACHING SOCIETY (1866). Wells Hill Terrace, Perth. There are 106 on the roll.

STIRLING, CLACKMANNAN AND LINLITHGOW SOCIETY for Teaching the Blind at their Homes (1866), 11, Fenton Street, Alloa. There are 123 on the roll.

(C).—Pension Societies.

DUNDEE. Webster and Davidson Mortification, Mr. James A. Graham, Solicitor, Dundee, Factor. There are two Branches of this Mortification, one for Annuitants and

the other for Bursars. There are at present 27 Annuitants of whom 4 receive £5 per annum and 23 £10 per annum. Annuitants must reside in Dundee or within six miles from the Town House. They must be 21 years of age, not have more than £52 9s. 6d. per annum income from all sources, inclusive of any grant from this Mortification and any statutory Old Age Pension, and must not be in receipt of Parochial aid. (2) The other half of said revenue shall be applied in the education, maintenance, and advancement in life, for such period as the Governors may fix, of such a number of blind young men and blind young women over eighteen years of age whose parents are resident in the town or Parish of Dundee, or the Parish of Farnell, in the County of Forfar, as the funds will admit of, at any school, college university, or other educational establishment whatsoever in Great Britain providing higher educational facilities for the Blind, such blind young men and blind young women to be paid a sum not exceeding £100 per annum each, and in such manner as the governors shall determine, the governors being also always at liberty to pay larger sums to some of the said blind young men and blind young women than to others, if, in their opinion, the necessities of the case may require such larger payments, as to which they shall be the sole judges, but in no case a sum exceeding £100 each per annum. Further, in the event of there not being a sufficient number of blind young men and blind young women qualified as aforesaid to absorb the income available, then, (1) blind young persons of parents resident in any other Parishes in Forfarshire, and (2) resident in any other County in Scotland, may be admitted to, and participate in the benefits of the funds. It is also provided that in the event of there being a surplus of revenue from a deficiency of suitable applicants for the benefit of one division of the Mortification it shall be in the power of the governors to apply such surplus or any part of it, as they may see fit for the use of applicants for the benefit of the other division.

EDINBURGH. Mrs. Jane Stobie Clark Fund (1885).—Messrs. Fyfe, Ireland & Co., W.S., 71, Hanover Street, Edinburgh—grants pensions of £5 a year to about 30 blind females requiring help. Elections take place in November each year.

EDINBURGH AND SOUTH-EAST OF SCOTLAND SOCIETY.—The Jameson Fund (1905). Secretaries, 14, Rutland Square, Edinburgh—grants annuities of £10 to 42 blind persons, besides carrying on the work of teaching the Blind to read in their own homes in Edinburgh and South-East of Scotland. Applicants must be resident in Edinburgh or South-East Scotland.

EDINBURGH. Royal Blind Asylum (1793), 58, Nicolson Street, grants allowances of various amounts to 22 persons, who must reside in Scotland and receive no assistance from other Institutions for the Blind.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND MISSION TO THE OUTDOOR BLIND (1859), 201, Buchanan Street, Glasgow, grants pensions to aged and infirm blind persons within the area of the Mission's operations.

THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INSTITUTIONS AND SOCIETIES FOR THE BLIND (1917). The objects of the Federation are :—The promotion and protection of the Blind in Scotland by the co-operation and mutual assistance of the various affiliated institutions and societies. Secretary, Mr. J. Frew Bryden, 201, Buchanan Street, Glasgow.

Ireland.

ARMAGH. Macan Asylum for the Blind (1854). Eight inmates.

BELFAST. The Association for the Employment of the Industrious Blind (1871), 28, Royal Avenue. Workshops, 120 employed. The trades practised are baskets, brushes, mattresses, firewood bundling, chair-caning, and willow-peeling. No fees charged but no wages paid the first year.

BELFAST. Home Mission Work among the Blind. Home at Cliftonville (1886), with an average of 30 women and 17 men inmates. About 200 are assisted by allowances, spectacles, etc.

BELFAST. The Ulster Society for Promoting the Education of the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind (1831), Lisburn Road. Supported by voluntary contributions. The Institution has about 100 inmates (77 deaf and 23 blind).

BELFAST. Home Teaching Society for the Blind, 28, Royal Avenue. This is a branch of the Belfast Association.

DUBLIN. National Institution and Molyneux Asylum for the Blind of Ireland (1815), Leeson Park. This is a School for the young and a Home for the aged, 45 inmates. The trades taught are basket-making, weaving, chair-caning, typewriting, knitting. A resident Institution where Protestant blind women are maintained entirely free and in which they usually remain for the rest of their lives. A few pay part, according to means.

- DUBLIN. Richmond National Institution for the Instruction of the Industrious Blind (1810), 41, Upper Sackville Street. There are 54 employed, viz., 18 men inmates, and 34 men and 2 women outdoor workers.
- DUBLIN. St. Mary's Catholic Asylum for Female Blind. Merrion (1858), Number of blind persons employed in September, 1921, 137. The trades practised are knitting, mattress-making and chair-caning.
- DUBLIN. St. Mary's School, Merrion (1858), Pupils admitted at 3 years old, fee £18; number of pupils 25, maximum 36. Trades taught; machine knitting, mattress-making, chair-caning, rug-making, type-writing and music.
- DUBLIN. St. Joseph's Asylum and School for the Blind (1859), Drumcondra. There are 41 resident pupils, 38 employees, and 10 inmates.
- DUBLIN. Association for Relief of Indigent Blind, and Lending Library (1857), Hon. Sec., Mr. William Perrin, 22, South Frederick Street. About 20 persons benefited by weekly allowances of 2s. to 4s. weekly.
- LIMERICK. Asylum for Blind Females (1834), 31, Catherine Street. Six inmates.

